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A short and brutal life

Rikki Neave: a boy abandoned

on March 4, 1988, the son of 19-year-old and Trevor Harvey. He was to have three sisters, and little enough time to get to

It was a nasty, brutal and short life. His naked body was discovered on November 28, 1994 in woodland close to his Peterborough home, limbs spread akimbo, outstretched like the figure in Leonardo da Vinci's drawing, Vitruvian man. He had been strangled

with his anorak. Rikki never stood a chance. Streetwise, an accomplished shoplister, he had to help himself to food or go hungry, a boy failed by virtually everybody.

His father left when he was a toddler, and his mother married Dean Neave in November 1991. He was in prison, and she was besotted. He hated his stepson. It was mutual.

A month later, police were called by neighbours to the family's home in March, Cambridgeshire. Inspector Layton Mills found Rikki shut outside. "He was screaming on the doorstep, wearing nothing on his feet." Inspector Mills tried to question Ruth Neave. "As I grabbed her, she grabbed hold of Rikki with her left arm around his neck and tightened the grip."

This was her bear hug. She tried to discipline Rikki by making him face a wall. He would scream and hit the wall, or run away. So she would use her legs and arms to grip him. She hit him, kicked him, or grabbed his collar or throat and lifted him



Larry Effort, Richard Thoma Michael White

HE Chancellor, Kenneth

Clarke, yesterday pinned the Government's hopes

of a fifth election win on a declared policy of prudent sconomic management when he surprised the City and

Westminster with a quarter-

point rise in interest rates — and tantalised Tory MPs with

Gambling correctly that mortgage lenders would be

reluctant to endanger the

fledgling housing market recovery by raising the cost of home loans, the Chancellor

said he was acting to "nip in-

flationary pressure in the bud" — and "stay ahead of

the game" by taking early

hints of budget tax cuts.

She was not charged over the Christmas 1991 incident until her son's body was

found.

Then there was the time his mother dangled Rikki by his ankles over a bridge with a 15 feet drop. A bystander said she was laughing.

She admitted cruelty and was sentenced to seven years at Northampton crown court vesterday after being cleared.

yesterday after being cleared of Rikki's murder.

The family moved in June 1992 to the notorious Welland estate in Peterborough. The Peterborough East social work team had 56 children on its at risk register, most from the estate. One was Rikki Neave.

Amanda Eaton, a neigh-bour, recalled Mrs Neave's approach to her son: "I saw her put her hands around his throat and lift him up against the wall. She lifted him off his feet. I saw her throw him against the settee. He cut his mouth. She made out she didn't mean to do it, but it just happened so many times. I've seen him hurt and I have seen him for and I have seen him screaming. I love you. I love you'. He was scared because he was going to get hit, and hit hard."

As Mrs Neave arrived at 209 Redmile Walk, drugs were taking a hold. She blamed her husband who walked out for

husband, who walked out for the last time the Sunday be-fore Rikki died. It was their third wedding anniversary.

She was spending £40 of her weekly £90 income on am-phetamines. She would inject them, often in front of her children. Two of Rikki's sis-ters were also abused.

Rikki was her drugs cou-rier. He would be sent out after midnight to find the local drug dealer with a note asking for sherbet, his mother's eu-phemism for amphetamines. The beatings continued Once, she grabbed Rikki, forced open his mouth, and filled it with washing-up liquid. He spluttered to scream:

"I love you. I love you." One social worker saw Rikki in his pyjamas wander-ing around with the word Idiot' written on his head. Mrs Neave spelled out her attitude to Rikki in a letter to her husband. She hated and despised him. "I have had enough of Rikki. I have been up all night with Rikki running around and trying to nick food from the cupboards. I have burnt him with a match. I have punched his lit-

said they would not pass on

the rise to their five million

Some City analysts saw the

move as an attempt to buy off the financial markets ahead

of a giveaway budget on No-

vember 26, with higher inter-

est rates offsetting the infla-

tionary consequences of pre-election tax cuts. Anxious Tory MPs agreed.

As Mr Clarke clashed in the

Commons with his Labour shadow, Gordon Brown, the Chancellor told them his "in-

tention is to lower taxation

because we believe that is essential to the growth of the real economy. We have a government which is on course to reduce the level of spend-

borrowers unless rates rose

Britain's two biggest mort-gage lenders — the Halifax and the Abello National — said they would



into respite care for two weeks in November that year. Mrs Neave again asked for

was at the end of her tether, she explained. The case was assigned to a worker two months later. Rikki was taken anything happens to him, Debbie Lawson, with 18 theadmistress, agrees with years' service, took over in August 1994. Rikki had three problem child. He was diffimonths later. Rikki was taken the solution: to put Rikki months left. Ivan Cobley was on the at-risk register two months later. But Linda Marshall, the relatively inexperi-This was about the time she first approached social works ers for help, in April 1993. She worker: "I want him out. If longer with her caseload."

Adam Cole, UK economist

at City brokers James Capel, said: "Higher base rates in-

crease the risk that the tax giveaway in the Budget will

previously thought - further

skewing growth in the direc-

tion of consumer spending."
However, Mr Clarke
strongly denied any link between yesterday's increase in

base rates to 6 per cent - the

first for almost two years — and his package of tax and spending measures in the Budget, which would be

aimed at bringing govern-ment borrowing back under

control — and nothing to do with meeting the Maastricht

criteria for a single currency,

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he said later.

the penultimate person to see him alive. "I said: 'What is up

with you today? He just walked around the corner with tears in his eyes."

likes to remember the good side too, and so there is a me-morial clock to him at Welland County Primary, "We were fond of him too. He was Jennifer Boxall, Rikki's a very lovable little boy."

Tax hint as Clarke ups interest rates Rwanda warns of war with Zaire after cross-border raid

Chris McGreal In Kigali

NANDA'S army chief and vice-president, Major-General Paul Kagame, yesterday warned that all-out war with Zaire was increasingly likely after Rwandan troops raided eastern Zaire in retali-ation for cross-border

In the first confirmed incursion into Zaire by the Rwandan army, soldiers hit govern-ment positions in the provincial capital of Bukavu, where ethnic Tutsi Banyamulenge rebels are believed close to seizing control.

Zaire accuses the Tutsi-dominated Rwandan army of supporting the rebels, who are fighting the Zairean army in eastern Zaire.

The city is in chaos and

rauding Zairean soldiers are looting whatever they can lay their hands on. Bodies litter the streets. The Red Cross is burying some of them to cut the risk of disease. The Roman Catholic archbishop of Bukavu is among the dead. The Banyamulenge contin-ued their advance to the south yesterday, while near the town of Goma - where the majority of Hutu refugees from the Rwandan civil war are camped — there were

renewed attacks which threatened to provoke another exodus of people. Rwandan troops raided Bu-kavu in retallation for Zairean shelling across the border in which at least three people were injured. Reuters quoted turn to page 2, column 3

Tutsis fight to head off

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World News The German government sought to strang off criticism or a deepening. budget crisis and to mobilise support for a single currency.

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aged when he repeated his commitment to a 20p basic tax rate and to eventual abolition

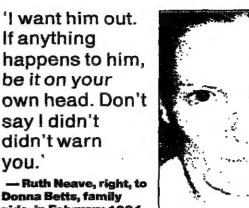
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Finance City declars halled yesterday's interest rate rise as a guasy. Dre-emptive strains, and sent the pound spiraling to new

Sport Former England prop Fran Cotton has... called for leading clubs to be locked out of the Rugby Football Union as a cesh row boils over,

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Donna Betts, family aide, in February 1994



Cambridgeshire social services suspended two social workers in connection with the case and ordered a full inquiry. Ted Unsworth, social services director, said: "I believe, with hindsight, we persisted for too long with a strategy in line with the principles of the Children Act 1989, which was designed to keep the family together."

THE GOVERNMENT

The Government ordered a social services hit squad into Cambridgeshire to shake up child protection procedures. A team of inspectors have been ordered to ensure that "serious weaknesses" are removed.

THE CHARITY

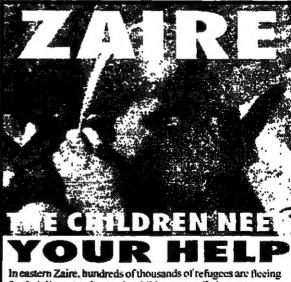
Lessons had not been learned from earlier child abuse inquiries, said the children's charity, the NSPCC. "Individual organisations seem to find it very difficult to take on board the lessons of the tragedies of the eighties," spokesman Phillip Noyes said.

THE JUDGE

Sentencing Ruth Neave to seven years in prison, Mr Justice Popplewell told her: "You are plainly an inadequate person and wholly unfit to be a mother. I have rarely come across a case of such persistent and systematic cruelty to young children,"

THE RELATIVES

Trevor Harvey, Rikki's father who left the family home when his son was three, threatened to sue Cambridgeshire social services. "There are hundreds of incidents going back down the years," he said. Rikki's grandfather, Maurice Harvey, said the boy stayed with him and his wife about seven months before he died. "When social services came to us after his death they didn't even know he was staying with us."



for their lives. As always, the children are suffering most. Caught up in a conflict they barely understand, they desperately need food and water. If they are sick or injured, there will be no medical care during the journey. Many children will lose everything in the chaos. Even the people they love. UNICEF is immunising children to prevent the spread of disease. Supplying food, clothing and water. And providing essential care for children who have lost their parents. UNICEF relies entirely on voluntary contributions. The situation is critical. Just £25 would provide over 200 children with food for a month. Please send a gift to help the children of Central Africa today.

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Sycophancy thickly spread



Simon Hoggart

IRST, a big apology. Yes-terday I accused Andrew Rowe MP of asking the greasiest question of the new in fact it was formulated by the egregiously oleaginous William Powell. If it's any consolation to the blackguarded Mr Rowe, a friend of mine expressed astonishment that such a free-thinking, independent kind of fellow would dream of asking such a toady-

It may be that the whole atmosphere of the Queen's

sycophancy.
The very terms of the motion are enough to make the flesh crawl: "We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects . . . beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Majesty for the Gracious Speech

At least that is time-hallowed ritual. The Ulster Unionist amendment has no such excuse. They (and I quote in full) "humbly regret that the references to Northern Ireland, an integral part of this, Your United Kingdom, con-tinue to be placed in that section of Your Gracious Speech which is otherwise devoted to external affairs, to the scandal and offence of Your faithful Ulster people and the encouragement of the disturbers of

Your Peace". This convolution, complete with capital letters for the royal pronouns (elsewhere used only to rafer to God or Jesus) suppurates grease. It is the prose equivalent of butter

substitute; it spreads straight from the fridge. The House managed to get off its knees long enough yes-terday to debate the economy. Actually, the term "debate" is stretching things a bit. What Messrs Brown and Clarke do is hurl statistics and scorn at

than they do to religious meta phor in the later Icelandic

theory. In the past this ritual has had a certain twisted attraction. It's been like a sitcom Christmas special starring oth Alf Garnett and Victor Meldrew. Now it sounds tired

"Down to 2½ per cent!"
shouts Mr Brown. "Only 0.6
per cent up! Half of 1 per cent
lower than a year ago... Austria 3.5 per cent... Denmark
16 per cent ahead... 19th in 16 per cent ahead . . . 19th in

the world prosperity league! Mr Clarke replies in kind. higher than 12 months ago . a plus-18 per cent figure . . . 3 billion or 10 billion . . ." and so on, seemingly forever. The ritual is closely ob-

served. Each fresh figure must be greeted with mock hilarity by the other side. "Twenty-one point three compared to the figures of 17 years ago!" yells Mr Brown, or possibly Mr Clarke. At which Mr Clarke, or possibly Mr Brown, hugs himself in incredulous am ment that anyone should place the slightest trust in such an obviously absurd

Then there are the jokes, in serted like sixpences in a suet pudding, and just as likely to make your teeth hurt. The Chancellor had referred to the Dolly Parton school of economics". Mr Brown talked about the Nigel Lawson Diet school ("bloated figures shrunk and shrivelled to a shadow of their vaunted glories".) Mr Clarke quoted Margaret

statistic.

Beckett on the recovery. "Modest, short-lived and possibly jobless," she said. I couldn't think of a better description of her career as eader of the Labour Party."

Later he declared that "the only people who are gloomy about the prospects for the economy are either mad, dea or sitting on the benches opposite Tories broke out in lits of

improbable glee, but the ritual demands that Labour people glower sourly ahead, refusing to be even faintly amused. Mr Brown rose. "Six hundred and fifty billion pounds!" he yelled. "Ninety per cent of gross national product!"

What did he mean? Does it

evote no more time to | matter? Does anybody care?



Widow's hope of dead husband's baby

Clare Dyer

IANE Blood, the widow battling to have her dead husband's baby, may be artificially inseminated abroad with his sperm after a move by the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority. The authority is to reconsider its ban on the export of semen taken from Stephen Blood, aged 30, while he was in a coma last March after contracting meningitis.

The decision, taken last Thursday but faxed to Mrs Blood's solicitors on Tuesday, was announced in the Com-

victory yet." Asked if she was allowing herself to hope, she replied: "I've got my hopes up so many times and had them dashed again, but yes, I am. I've been through hell in the past 18 months. To knock my feelings down again now would be even worse.

The authority said it would reach a decision by the end of the year. Mrs Blood is press ing ahead with an appeal against a High Court ruling this month upholding the authority's ban on the use of her husband's sperm because he gave no written consent.

The authority is bound by the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990, which bans the use of semen without

tions forbidding the export of semen without written conunlawful in Britain were made by the authority itself It emerged yesterday that the 21-member authority had

no information on Mrs Blood's individual circumstances when it made its decision last May. Members were told only that a woman wanted to use her dead husband's semen extracted without his consent while he was

in a coma to try to conceive.

This time they will have her court affidavit setting out the special circumstances, the High Court judgment, and afmons yesterday by the junior | the donor's written consent, | fertility expert, Lord Win- | journment debate yesterday health minister, John Horam. | except where a couple are | ston, and Baroness Warnock, | introduced by Mrs Blood's

which led to the setting up of the for Bassetlaw. Asked the authority. They will be whether the Government briefed on arguments by Mrs Blood's QC. Lord Lester, that refusal to export the sperm nber states

Mrs Blood said she w pleased the anthority would now take into account her pecial circumstances: "The fact that we were trying for a family, that I believed I was pregnant, that my husband died believing I was pregnant, that we had a discussion be-fore his death in which he said he would want his sperm used in the event of his death."

Mr Horam's announcement Mrs Blood said: "It's not a | treated together. But direc | who chaired the inquiry | MP, Joe Ashton, Labour mem-

would change the law, the minister said it was "free vote" territory, indicating any isters were standing back from the authority's work change would have to be made by a private member's bill. The Human Fertilisation

and Embryology Act had been passed after substantial de-bate and was carefully drawn, he added. 'It is therefore not an area in which either policy or legislation should, in my view, be tinkered with just on Earlier, Labour's health

and the authority was saying it could only work to the let-ter of the law, she said. Mr Ashion said: "It is not law, under any circumstances

 moral, legal or otherwise
 that this woman should be denied the right to have a child by her husband."

Review

starting line

Lyn Gardner

The Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner Nottingham Playhouse

ARGE though it is, the opportunities for cross country running are extremely limited on the stage of the Nottingham Playhouse. But then local Nottingham lad, Colin, banged up in an Essex reformatory for petty thieving is going nowhere fast — except inside his head. A little like this production. Chasing the miles to the

sound of his own pumping heart and regular breathing, Colin plots his revenge on the governor who wants him to run like "our lads, Chattaway and Bannister", bringing glory and the All England Blue Runing Cup to his reformatory. The trouble is, Colin doesn't want to be one of "our lads", Colin knows he is one of n", a working-class boy on the make who is out only for himself. "I'm the only man on earth, and I don't give a bogger about good or bad."

Alan Sillitoe's "English realist" novella was written and is set in the 1960s, but the cultural chasm between them and us is still as wide today as the difference between the governor's tweed suits and Colin's mum's mock ocelot coat ("the ocelot cost a lot") brought with the small comensation awarded for her husband's death for industri-

ally-related cancer.
"If only them and us had the same ideas we'd get on like a house on fire, but they don't see eye to eye with us and we don't see eye to eye with them,

Environment Correspondent

AREVIEW of hunting with hounds for deer, foxes,

hares and mink was launched yesterday by Sir David Steel

in advance of expected at-

tempts to abolish the sport in

Sir David, executive chair-

man of the Countryside Move-

ment, said the debate was

"characterised by emotion | hunting

Paul Brown

so that's how it stands and how it will always stand," pre dicts Colin. The current focus on family and moral values and the upbringing of children proves him right. Yet David Mark Thomson's

under-energised production. with its snippets of 1950s popular music and cartoon-style interludes, is content to treat the story as a kind of quaint period piece in which working-class life is portrayed as cosy and comic, like a knock-about Laurel and

Hardy sequence.
It is left to Julian Crouch's set, looking like a large public urinal with its grime-covered white enamelled tiles, to injecsome gritty realism into an evening that plays too hard for laughs and ignores what Colin recognises: that there is a full-

scale class war going on. "You don't need to sign up to be in a war. You're alre in one — our war," Colin tells his kid brother Mike, who see the army as the only way to escape Nottingham.

But the real problem with this production is in translating from page to stage a novel that takes place largely inside its central character's head. Paul Brennen and Stephen Jameson's adaptation fails to escape the literary format, though it would probably make good radio. In a production dogged by the static, it is not just Colin who is left running on the spot.

James Hooton is no Tom Courtenay (who made his nam in Tony Richardson's film version of the story), and his flat delivery takes a bit of getting used to. But he leaves you in no doubt that behind the rarely animated features there is a mind as cumning as a fox's.

and lack of knowledge," and

designed to give MPs the facts

before a free vote in Parlia-

ment on the issue, which is

expected after the general

Sir David denied allegations

from the League Against Cruel

Sports that the review was an

attempt by the hunting lobby to push its case. He said the last

review of hunting, which was

Hunting review is launched

election.

Stumbling at the **Dissenters dismiss moral code** as 'string of empty platitudes'

Donald MacLeod

MORAL code to counter the "no blame, no shame" society and put an end to the lie that anything goes, was launched yesterday by the Government's chief adviser on the school

Nicholas Tate said the statement of values drawn up by a forum of 150 religious representatives, teachers and business people, was designed to end the notion that there are no moral absolutes or that moral opinions are no different from tastes and preferences.
'The forum is restating

that some moral values are non-negotiable. Anything, very definitely, does not go. announcement rompted some churches and

Conservative MPs to step up their campaign for a stronger statement of values incorporating marriage as the ideal for family life.

The draft code says: "We value families as sources of love and support for all their members and as the basis of a society in which people care An alternative drawn up by

five Christian members of the forum — backed by Gillian Shephard, the Education and

Employment Secretary - will



tation document to schools. The dissenters say: "Chil-dren should be nurtured and moral and loving home envi-ronment with preferably both mother and father present in a happy marriage relation-ship. Marriage and parenting successfully undertaken are very creative of good values

in adults and children." Julian Brazier, Tory MP for Canterbury, condemned the report. "It's every bit as bad as we feared and Gillian Shephard is absolutely right to express concern. It's a long string of empty platitudes with no firm commitment



accompany the main consul- | either to marriage or to nothing at all to promote the family or civic life."

Christianity. This is an at-tempt to produce politically correct platitudes which do

The statement of values covers four areas - society, relationships, the self and the environment, including strong backing for "green" policies. From September about 100 schools will pilot moral and social education programmes with a view to incorporating the code in the national curriculum.

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teach-

ers, called the statement a "glorious irrelevance" for teachers battling to restore and maintain sensible discipline. Expecting teachers to reverse the trends set by soci-

ety at large was unrealistic. Peter Smith, general secre-tary of the Association of chers and Lecturers, sald the moral code had prompted a phoney debate. "This has more to do with party politics than the real issue of defining acceptable behaviour."

Mr Tate believes the public mood in the wake of Philip Dunblane tragedy will rally support for his code. "Perish the thought that we should see schools as the main, or education."

• The former Conservative prime minister, Sir Edward Heath, condemned the drift among the main parties towards claiming a link between their policies and specific religious beliefs, writes Michael White

Sir Edward told the Commons that combining politics and religion is "in my view mistaken ... We should abol-lab this idea of proclaiming our policies are good because of a particular religious be-lief. That is the responsibility of archbishops and cardinals."

Rwanda warns of looming war with Zaire after border clash

continued from page 1 ald workers as saying that Rwandan commandos were still on the streets of Bukavu

late yesterday.

Gen Kagame said there was
"no question" that his army would retaliate further. They are dragging me into the problem. If you slap me in the face, when I hit back I may not hit in the face may hit somewhere else."

Asked if he thought war

with Zaire was likely, he said: "Its going in that direction. But it's all coming from Zaire." The raid on Zaire is the first admitted to by Rwanda. Zaire has repeatedly accused Kigali of arming and organising the Banyamulenge. It also accuses Burundi's Tutsi miliin 1951, came out in favour of tary government of aiding

summoned Zaire's charge d'affaires to protest at the Gen Kagame denied giving

practical support, but conceded that some Banyamulenge Tutsis in his army had signed up with the rebels. But be made clear his wholehearted backing for the Banyamulenge, who were the tar-get for killings by Hutu militias and Zairean soldiers after the local authorities ordered Tutsis to leave the

region or face extermination.
"People who want to continue exterminating others have got to be resisted. I'm surprised in listening to some arguments that the issue now is [that] Rwanda is involved," he said. "People are being killed and they say we are exthem . Burundi vesterday tending an empire, We don't



want a bigger country than this. We already have too many problems. Gen Kagame complained for Rwanda

that no attention was paid when Zairean Tutsis were murdered in their thousands by Hutu extremists and sol-diers. And he criticised the European Union's aid commissioner, Emma Bonino, for focusing primarily on the fate of hundreds of thousands of Rwandan and Burundian Hutu refugees forced from their camps by the fighting The root cause of the fighting should be addressed, he said.
The Organisation of African Unity said yesterday it

was sending a delegation to Zaire and Rwanda to try to defuse the crisis. The continuing conflict in eastern Zaire overshadows the resumption in Tanzania today of the slow-moving international genocide tribunal

Nothing on TV again? Polly Toynbee disagrees.

She'd give up hot water and her washing machine rather than her TV. Read why in Radio Times. On sale now.

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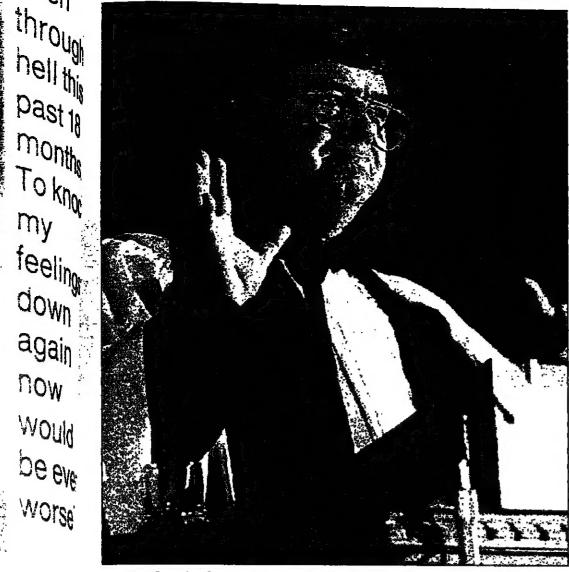
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Preacher of the Year competition







And lo! the words were good, but lengthy

John Ezard hears five sermons designed to banish tedium

very hard," warned as we went into Southwark Cathedral. They

were, and there was worse to come vesterday. After the usual prayers and singing, the preacher strode to the lectern and spoke for

modern congregation.

But then, after more prayers, another preacher went to the lectern and spoke for 10 minutes. And another. And mother. And another.

cently considerate time for a

This serial preaching drew its inspiration from Acts 18, 9 10: "... the Lord said unto Paul: Do not be afraid but keep on speaking, and do not

give up". The choir was heavenly and the 300-strong congregation was so quiet that two mice in the aisle would have sounded like a stampede. The preach ers did not give up. They let us out 105 minutes later, after innomicing that an Aberdeen Catholic canon, Father Bill Anderson, had beaten off strong Anglican and Methodist sermonisine to win the 1996 Preacher of the Year

appropriately, Christian humility. "I'm utterly aston-ished," said Father Anderson. a priest for 36 years. "I didn't feel it had gone well. I preached a better sermon in my bathroom this morning".

His one-line recipe for a good sermon is "simplicity, sincerity and conviction". "I often try to weave a degree of poetry into my sermons and draw conclusions from it, par-ticularly when students are

"If a congregation knows you, they are always very kind, but if you preach from the heart and really mean only hope it helps someone".
The preachathon — or

Winning message

Father Bill Anderson, 65. Preacher of the Year: "There are saints among and around us: the one who assumes the successful rival was the better candi-

date for a promotion post; lege of Preaching to diminish tedium and raise standards among the men and women

Britain. It seems to be on the road to success, judging by the good behaviour of yesterday's con-gregation. Before the result,

who deliver 30,000 sermons in

30. It was launched by the Col- | Methodist candidate, Dr Arnold Kellet, to win. "I couldn't stop listening to him," she said. "He was the only one who didn't make my mind

or who'll work with a will

to the plans of others when

they run contrary to his or her advice. Saints present

and past illumine in great

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Speculation boiled in the ca-thedral aisles. One clear frontrunner was thought to be Anne Peat from Rickmans-worth, a lay preacher who however, one woman con-fessed that she expected the rejected ordination because

Low points: speaks too fast. pads with Bible and theology texts

High points: erudite and

she prefers to preach from secular experience. teacher with two grown-up sons, believes sermons should "comfort the disturbed and disturb the comfortable". She delivered an incandescent

in rap and heavy metal, in the

worlds of TV and radio, in the

dustry, in the land of Even fierier was Bernard

Thomas, a Welsh-speaking Anglican from Mid-Glamorgan who wanted to resurrect the Church Militant. "The psalmist did not mince his words when he called for a sword to inflict vengeance on the nations and punish the peoples. Neither must we," he declared

The other shortlisted entrant was Christopher Bur-kett, a vicar from Whitegate. Cheshire. His motto is: "Prepare as if all depends on you but preach as if all depends on God. He chose as his theme "If I had wings like a dove", a challenge to the Church to "learn to sing the Lord's song text only slightly less difficult than "Behold, Esau my

brother is a hairy man".

Father Anderson, however scored by packing into his sermon 12 biblical and theological texts of a kind dear to his fellow-preachers. These are thought to have inched him ahead with two of the judges, the Bishop of Durham and the politician John Gum-

mer, who is a lay preacher. The Bishop, Michael Turn-bull, said Mr Anderson's offering "spoke to the human condition at a very significant, deep level. It contained thoughts which will stay with us". But all the sermons had been of superb quality, he said.

By then the congregation was gathering hats and coats. It was tired, stiff, stirred and trast, next Sunday will seem a

How the others rated

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retires too far, the light of love is extinguished



and the Beloved dies; if the Lover ap-proaches too near the Beloved she is effaced by the love. The Lovers must leave a distance, a boundary for love. (From the philosopher Gil-

High points: Literate, dramatic sie, amusing. Low point: made itiele



strange lanmany of us knew what a bad hair day was before the recent furore? It's a land where pictures of eight babies' coffins are used to sell newspapers but there is no place where you cannot sing the Lord's

Low points: speaks too last



lapse of tra-Christian morality — the unprecedented break-up of famlly life, the abuse of perhaps a million children a year, the pornography, the drugs. Why, even in cathedrals you have to watch your pockets."

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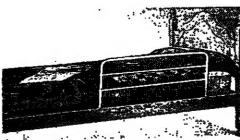


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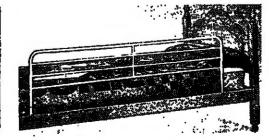
PRODUCT RECALL **BED GUARDS**

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Argos has not sold bed guards since October 1995 and will not do so until a satisfactory British Standard for bed guards has been formally adopted.

Outline deal for post peace

HE outline of a deal to settle the six-month pay and working practices ute in the Post Office has dready been negotiated, it integed yesterday, after pital workers delivered a region new mandate for other strikes.

Communication Workers'
blin members voted 64,919 to
1501 for renewed industrial
tion—a 61 per cent "yes" e on a 78 per cent turnout rebuiling claims by politi-is and the Post Office that livery and sorting workers ge dragooned into this er's walkouts by a politiy motivated executive.

in Johnson, CWU joint seral secretary, immedi-y revealed that he and r union leaders restarted ks with Royal Mail last ek with proposals he hoped old make the strike vote

Although neither side would disclose details, Mr Johnson said the union had suggested the central issue of flexible team working be left to a joint working party chaired by an official of the conciliation service Acas. This is a variant of a formula negotiated by Mr John-

geared to a predetermined outcome". He also hoped that hiving off the issue of pay restructuring into this year' annual wage deal could smooth the way to an overall

The union executive will meet on Tuesday to consider the results of tomorrow's negotiations. Whether the sort of package already taking shape will be enough to satisfy an executive majority armed with a strike mandate remains to be seen. Ken Wright, Royal Mail's assis-tant managing director. warned that the need for "a new way of working cannot be wished away". The union has only three

weeks from yesterday's ballot result announcement in which to call a strike, so it is unlikely that talks will be a long drawn-out affair. In the event of another breakdown, renewed disruption of the mail could be expected in the

run-up to Christmas. Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, denied the ballot result gave postal workers a mandate to "bully the public", and renewed his threat to suspend Royal Mail's letter monopoly for three months in the event of

more stoppages Mr Lang also challenged Labour in oppose any further strikes. Labour's employment son in July and rejected by the CWU executive, which said the union had no objec-tion in principle to team working. Mr Johnson said ballot as a last opportunity for both sides to resolve their concerns and save the Post Office from privatisation.

L'Express's reporters said the eastern European agents who paid Hernu had given them details of his role, but no information was available. spokesman Stephen Byers

French minister 'was KGB spy'

Paul Webster in Paris

HARLES HERNU, the Socialist defence minis-ter from 1981 to 1985, vas named as a cold war spy for eastern Europe, French intelligence officials confirmed yesterday. After documents were received from Romania in 1992, his name was also on a list of about 300 suspect French diplomats and officials given to France by British intelligence in 1993. Hernu was President Fran-

cois Mitterrand's closest confidant and largely responsible for his election to the Elyseé in 1981. In the previous 10 years, he was the Socialist Party's defence spokesman. A colourful man who was

married five times, he was sacked as a minister in 1985 because of his involvement in the sinking of the Greenpeace flagship, Rainbow Warrior, in Auckland harbour. Mitterrand sent him a letter saying: "In this hour of trial, I am, as always, your friend."

Details of payments to Hernu from the Bulgarian,

Romanian and Soviet governments between 1953 and 1963 were published in the weekly L'Express, using documents held by the internal counterespionage service, the DST. Agents said a detailed inquiry had concluded the documents

were genuine.

after 1963, when Hernu came under KGB control. Mitterrand was first told of

his friend's betrayal in 1992 by the then DST chief, Jac-ques Fournet, who had been given documents by the Romanians. Some information was later supported by

the British secret service.

Mr Fournet told France 3 television yesterday he was mable to check the report and had passed it to Mitterrand. The president had decided to classify it as state secret, since Hernu had died in 1990 and could not defend himself.

'DST was not able to verify what was in this report ... We can regard this file as somewhat suspicious," Mr Hernu was recruited by the

Bulgarian secret service in 1963, aged 29. Working under the code name André, he received the equivalent in today's money of about £500-£600 for analyses of the French political situation. According to L'Express, a

Soviet diplomat in Paris regularly paid him the equivalent of between £1,200-£1,800 for the same services, and con-tributed more than £30,000 to his 1958 election campaign. After a break in the contact, Hernu was reactivated in 1962 by the Romanian secret service. He was returned to KGB

control the following year. His son, Patrice Hernu, said the revelations were lies while Yves Bonnet, the DST head between 1982 and 1985 said Hernu's conduct had

Joint bid for combat knife ban

Home Affairs Editor

ABOUR and the Libday tried to end the impasse over the banning of combat knives by combining to offer Michael Howard a solution to the problem of finding a legal defnition of the weapons,

The shadow home secre-tary, Jack Straw, and the Liberal Democrat home affairs spokesman, Alex Carlile, jointly submitted proposals to ban military-style knives. Mr Howard has said the Govern-ment will ban combat knives if a workable legal definition is found.

The joint letter represents an end to the search for a "narrow and precise" definition of combat knives. It says the problem of finding a precise and workable definition is that "it will almost inevitably result in

wording of the ban."
The two MPs advocate approaching the problem from "the other end" and ask for a ban to be instituted with exemptions granted so that

there could be a "just excuse" for owning a knife. Exemp-tions would include knives used for particular crafts, sports, industrial or trade purposes. The courts would be able to use common sense in distinguishing between knives used for domestic purposes and other kinds.
The two politicians say that the definition of a combat

knife offered by the Cutlery and Allied Trades Research Association was too narrow and would not be needed if their proposal was accepted. Mr Straw said the Home Secretary had asked on Monday for suggestions of how new knife controls might be drafted. "There is no doubt of the strength of feeling on the issue. That is why we want a constructive dialogue with prosecution will have to the Government to find ways prove beyond reasonable to tackle the problem,"he



Lauren's new look hails from Africa

Susannah Frankei in New York on a superstar collection

black or pristine white in tightly fitting stretch silk and worn with immaculately

bronze beads. The look was finished with rugged accesso-

ries, including studded leather belts and collars,

wooden slave bracelets and basket weave straw duffle

Arts Correspondent

T'S official: the "baggy"

ter" pop scene, announced yesterday that they have

The group's vocalist, Ian Brown, said: "Having spent

ene is dead. The Stone Roses, one of the founders of the 'Madches

Last day of whine

first of American fashion's superstars to show his Spring/ Summer '97 collection in New York yesterday. Rather than showing at the official tents in Bryant Park, Lauren opted for the more intimate surthe designer sent out the longest, narrowest rainbow striped off-the-shoulder or roundings of his palatial Madison Avenue showroom. halterneck knits and fine

suede spaghetti strap dresses and trouser suits in khaki, olive, indigo or vibrant red. The classic Lauren safari jacket was, this time round, Last season, Calvin Klein branded both Lauren and the Donna Karan "irresponsible" for abandoning the tents. But this season, Klein too is showing off-site, at the Dia Centre for Arts. At a press presenta-tion for his CK Diffusion col-lection earlier in the week tailored straight legged trou-sers or skinny split skirts. For the evening there was Klain said: "It's good to be able to walk around and actubody-skimming ethnic print silk leasey, and, best-of all, backless column dresses in fine gold mesh or subjue

Smaller venues with a less stadium-like atmosphere are

Pared down luxury is currently the most sought after quality in fashion, and turen continues to pursue it to the full

bags. More than any other de-signer, it is Ralph Lauren

walk was clad in the finest who is responsible for putting blonde cashimere. American fashion on the in-This season was no less opulent. Turning to Africa for

Lauren, who is 57, had no formal fashion training in-stead, he took night courses inspiration (a favourite theme: one of his best known in business studies before working his way up the fash-ion ladder variously as a sales assistant, a glove company salesman and a New York representative for a Boston

own ties, under the name Polo, for the American label Beau Brummel in 1967. A year later he expanded into menswear, and by 1972 he was designing a wo

As well as his main lines, Lauren now also produces dif-fusion collections for men and women and of course money-

spinning underwear and ac-cessories lines.
It was as long ago as 1981 that he opened his interna-tional fiagship store in London. In January 1998, Lauren takes up residence in a superstore at number one Bond Street — surely the most pre-

BMA in bid to have boxing ruled out for the count

TRE British Medical Association yesterday launched a 60 second antiboxing advert to be screened in cinemas, as part of what it claims will be its biggest campaign

against the sport. The commercial - shot in ing two conkers banging

Mike Tyson is set to fight Evander Holyfield in Las Vegas, and Nigel Benn is scheduled to meet Steve duced by Lord Taylor of years producing false sta-

"Our aim is to win over public opinion so that boxing in this country is banned," said BMA spokes-man Nigel Duncan, who ne-gotiated free production and distribution of the film.

duced by Lord Taylor of Gryfe and intended to ban boxing for profit, was de-feated by just one vote in the Lords last December. In the past three years,

six boxers have been seri-ously injured in the ring and two have died. However, Dr Adrian Whi-teson OBE, the chief medi-cal officer of the British Boxing Board of Control, hit back at the BMA.

years producing false sta-tistics to back up an argu-ment that just doesn't hold water. "In all contact sports,

people can get hurt. Last weekend a rugby player tragically lost his life, but the BMA don't try to have rugby banned. One of our top jockeys has just come back from horrific injuries, but they don't campaign against that. "One government agency

given period of 480 people who died taking part in sport only two were boxers. As long as the boxers know the risks, and do what we tell them regarding their health, it is a question of

choice to do something and that is their busine The latest Office of National Statistics survey shows that in 1992 there were 67 deaths associated with sporting and leisure activity, but no boxing deaths are listed for the year. The BBBC further strengthened their safety

and medical procedures after the death of James for the Roses ago.

ago. But the BMA made no apologies for the advert, which they hope will show in 100 cinemas over the next two months. "We support the measures that have been taken to try and limit the head injuries to boxers," said Dr Sandy Ma-cara, chairman of the BMA council. "But these have not and cannot eliminate the deliberate injury that boxers try to inflict on each

the last 10 years in the filthlest business in the universe, it's a pleasure to announce the end of the Stone Roses."

The group only produced two albums and their second, The Second Coming, took five years to re-cord. One critic noted on its release that it sounded as if it had been recorded in a

The band formed in Man-chester in 1983, gaining huge acclaim for their eponymous debut album. They were credited with revolutionising British rock with their guitar pop-meets-dance music sound. meets-dance music sound, but by the time of The Second Coming, in Decem-ber 1994, their place as the new Beatles had been taken

The decision to split is a blow to Geffen Records, who signed the Stone Roses in 1991 after a court case to release the group from their contract with Silver-

tone Records.
Geffen signed the Stone Roses for a multi-million pound figure with the promise of a new album within a year.

When it was finally released — five years later — musical fashion had moved on and the band had become increasingly

Anthony Wilson, head of Manchester's Factory Re-cords, said: The fact that the Roses did not achieve anything like they should have done, and then stick two fingers up to the rest of the world, is so typical of

"I would say an anarchic attitude is a hallmark of the city's music makers. In a way, the Roses splitting up is almost funny. Sad but



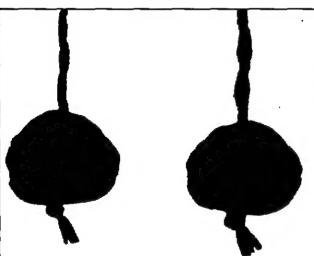
Brown announced the split

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"Parliament will have to take the decision in the black and white and featurend, and will have to do it against each other, which turn into human brains as a result of public There have been five "This is just the last des-failed attempts to introduce perate throw of an organicoincides with two big







Boxing clever . . . Stills from the BMA'a anti-boxing commercial which shows conkers bashing into each other and then turning into human brains before falling to the ground

Couple 'caught by chance' in daring £10m cheque fraud

COUPLE were in jail last night facing a "sub-stantial period of im-prisonment" after being con-victed of an elaborate £10 million plot involving the only cheque ever to have been stolen from the Bank of

England.
Business consultant Peter Garnett and his accountant wife Linda came close to pulling off the daring conspiracy, which shook the 302-year-old financial institution to its

Their arrest sparked a major investigation by bank officials, and also revealed years of lavish living the cou-ple had enjoyed, thanks largely to another swindle by

The pair showed no emo-tion as the jury at London's Middlesex Guildhall crown court found them guilty of conspiring to defraud with others unknown between Jan-uary and December 1991—an uary and December 1994 - an ce for which they could be jailed for up to 10 years in jail when they are sentenced on

Mrs Garnett, 52, will also be dealt with then for siphoning more than £73,000 from the \$1leby. Leicestershire, veteri-nary practice where she worked. Details of the 15 thefts she admitted, which involved "cooking the books" were revealed to the jury only after it convicted her on the Bank of England charge

The court heard her thefts paid for a luxury Caribbean cruise, during which former publican Mr Garnett, 54, posed as a doctor to ensure the privilege of dining with the liner captain.

It also enabled the Garnetts to enjoy many other first class foreign holidays, including two to New York to celebrate two of her birthdays several in Tenerife and one in

The pair, from Southwark, south London, also ran three

cedes and Jaguar — had two | business account homes next door to each other in Nottingham, a £160,000 Docklands flat and a time-share apariment in Miami.

Remanding them in custody for reports, Judge Kenneth Zucker QC told them it was almost inevitable they would get a "substantial period of imprisonment". He also called for Nottingham city council to investigate housing benefit Mr Garnett, 54, a former publican, had claimed for a house his wife owned in the city by using her maiden name to

call her his landlady.
Told by defence barrister
Richard Sones that an investigation had already cleared his clients of impropriety in that matter, the judge said another inquiry should now be car-ried out in the light of the evidence heard during the case. This prompted Mrs Garnett to turn to journalists in court and say: "Oh shit."

The week-long trial heard

Grantham, Lincolnshire. Drawn on the Nationwide count for \$3.7 million, it had been stolen from a chequebook kept at the Bank of England to purchase certificates of de-posit, and bore two expertly forged signatures of bank

The Garnetts would probably have got away with it but for a "marker" which , unknown to them, Midland staff had placed on their account. It had been put there as a reminder to be on the lookout for possible suspicious transactions involving the account, after an attempt to telegraphi-cally transfer a fraudulent £246,000 cheque to it a few

weeks earlier. As Mr Garnett left the bank believing he had become a multi-millionaire, inquiries were already being made with the Bank of England -- where staff soon found the cheque The week-long trial free the theft of a cheque from the Bank of England only came to later, when Mr Garnett paid it returned to the Grantham to withdraw £50,000,

in | police were walting to arrest aire. | him.

Brendan Finucan, prosecut ing, said as far as anyone knew it was the only cheque ever stolen from the City institution, but extensive Inqui ries had not uncovered the

Threadneedle Street thief.

Mrs Garnett, who was arrested at work shortly afterwards, refused to answer questions and did not give evidence during her trial. However, her husband did and denied any wrongdoing - claiming he acted on the instructions of a gold-toothed Armenian businessman in connection with the purchase of a multi-million pound Te

nerife property portfolio for the Nationwide. Mr Garnett also maintained that the mystery man, whom be had no means of contacting, simply handed him the Bank of England cheque on the concourse of King's Cross station in London. But Mr Finucan said that version of events was "so ridiculous" it could not possi-



cars - a Rolls-Royce. Mer. Peter and Linda Garnett, who tried to cash the only Bank of England cheque ever stolen | control fleas in pets.

Headlice lotion 'linked to Gulf war syndrome'

Lib Dem MP urges ban on 'dangerous' flea products

David Fairball

ANGEROUS chemicals suspected as a cause of the mysterious Gulf war syndrome are also present in everyday treatments for children with headlice and flea-ridden pets, the Liberal Democrat MP Paul Tyler warned last night in calling for a ban on such products for a ban on such products.

Scientists claim to have found links between pesticides and chronic fatigue syn-

drome, formerly known as MR, according to findings reported on BBC1's Here and Now programme.

Mr Tyler, MP for Cornwall
North whose concern about Mr Tyler, Mr for cornwant North, whose concern about organo-phosphate (OP) pesti-cides stemmed originally from their harmful effect on farmers using sheep dips, was scheduled to open an adjourn-ment debate in which he chal-

reverse its present policy.
Instead of allowing OPs to be widely used until longterm research conclusively proves them unsafe, he argued, they should be withdrawn until they can be proved completely safe. Mr Tyler warned parents

that some lotions used to treat headlice in children contain malathion, the first OP the Ministry of Defence admitted using in the Gulf war - in that case to delouse Iraqi prisoners of war. Another chemical also known to have been used by British troops, dia-

Hundreds of British veter-ans of the Gulf war are seek ing compensation from the MoD for illnesses they believe can be traced back to their service in the desert in 1990/ 91. Symptoms include chronic latigue, muscle pains and memory loss, and are in many cases similar to those found in farmers using OP

sheep dips.
The MoD has recently admitted that OPs were almost certainly one cause of Gulf war syndrome and is urgently re-checking its medical records to assess the scale of the

Mr Tyler is also concerned at the possible connection acknowledged, he says, by the EU commissioner for agriculture -- between Britain's use of OPs to treat warble fly in cattle and the subsequent epidemic of BSE. It was a remarkable coincidence, he said, that countries which used OPs in this way during the 1980s should suffer from BSE while others escaped. OPs used on farms and in household products like flea

spray appear to cause similar changes in the brain as chronic fatigue syndrome, according to research carried out by Peter Behan, professor of neurology at Glasgow University. According to Here and Now, there is anecdotal evi-

dence of household products like flea spray and head lice treatment containing the chemicals also causing harm. One woman described how her four-year-old daughter suffered hallucinations and personality changes after being treated for head lice

with an OP. Another woman was said to have been struck down with chronic fatigue three years

Digital Terrestrial Television

The Independent Television Commission (ITC) is inviting applications for four licences to provide digital terrestrial television multiplex services. The licences are for those multiplexes other than the two which will carry the services of the BBC, Channels 3 and 4 and Teletext Ltd.

Advertisement of Multiplex Licences

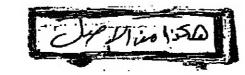
The licences, if granted, will be for a term of 12 years and will be awarded in accordance with the terms of the Broadcasting Act 1996.

Licensees will be authorised to broadcast those digital programme services and digital additional services which are themselves separately licensed. In the case of Multiplex A some capacity is reserved for Channel 5 and S4C Digital services. Services will be expected to be on-air, subject to international frequency clearances, not later than 1 July 1998.

The Invitation to Apply specifying the terms and conditions relating to the provision of digital terrestrial television multiplex services together with a draft licence, and supplementary documents including Guidance Notes for applicants for digital programme and digital additional services licences, is available from the Secretary to the Independent Television Commission, 33 Foley Street, London, W1P

Applications addressed to the Secretary to the Commission giving information in the form specified in the Invitation to Apply document, together with the application fee of £100,000, should reach the ITC not later than noon on 31 Јапиату 1997.





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Little ...



Ralph Upton, aged 74, with some of the 10,000 pumpkins he has grown at Slindon, West Sussex, for Hallowe'en. He has been growing pumpkins for more than 30 years protocauph noces

Ex-soldiers to sue | Thatcher 'acted like army over bullying schoolmarm' at EU

David Fairhail Referce Corres

HE ARMY has come under fire for failing to stamp out persis-tent bullying, which it admits should no longer be tolerated.

Writs will be served on the Ministry of Defence today on behalf of eight former soldiers seeking compensation of at least £100,000 each after claims of beatings and sexual abuse. Most of the allegations centre on the Royal Welch Pusiliers' training depot at Whittington barracks, Staffordshipe, But the men's solicitor, Robert Peterson, of Newport, Gwent, said that as he investigated early cases, other ex-soldiers from different regiments came forward with similar complaints. Five other writs had been issued

and investigations were | Court in London after alleg-

having extreme difficulty following their disturbing ex- nial cannon — which led to a periences in the army", said | mental breakdown. Mr Peterson. "We have begun must be compensated for mental and physical scars."
The allegations date back to

the early 1990s. An officer and a corporal were disciplined at | than 20. a court martial, but victims have never received any com-pensation. Bullying has always been

part of army life, especially at recruit training depots. In recent years the authorities have tried to tackle the prob-lem, along with racial abuse and sexual discrimination. Last year a former army officer, Alastair Green, was awarded £750 at the High

continuing.
"Some of these men are miliations — including being strapped naked to a ceremo-

Statistics show a more High Court proceedings in the hope that the Ministry of Defence will recognise they police dealt with 30 substantiated cases of "discrimination, bullying and intimidation" in 1987, but by last year the number had fallen to less In the introduction to army

guidelines issued last Janu-ary, General Sir Michael Rose, the former United Nations commander in Bos-nia now responsible for personnel matters as adjutant general, said: "There can be no place for harassment, bullying and discrimination, which will affect morale and break down the trust and coherence of the group."

Michael White Political Editor

elder statesman yesterday launched an unprovoked attack on the legendary reputation of Margaret Thatcher as a less-than-reticent negotiator in the European Union. She behaved like a

choolmistress at European summits, according to Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, Denmark's former foreign minister. Euro-colleagues from

Helmut Kohl downwards have reached similar conms, not least the late Francois Mitterrand of France. "Margaret the Terrible"

did not like to be contra-dicted and could ruin the convivial atmosphere of the

twice yearly European | Peter Walker, while a pri-councils with her "wound-ing and sarcastic manner | Junior whips — John Major and obvious insensitivity" said Mr Ellemann-Jensen.

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At one Brussels summit her strident voice was heard saying: "What are you doing? You are not trying to weaken my formula, are you?" He and his colleagues "jumped to atten-tion like schoolchildren saying we had done nothing."

Lady Thatcher then "fixed us with a cold stare and said, 'Hmmm, I doubt it. I don't trust men. Men are weak'," recalled Mr El-lemann-Jensen. Whether he ever realised

that the best response to Lady Thatcher was to argue back was not clear. But it proved the key to survival in the Cabinet of such critics as James Prior and vate row with one of her junior whips — John Major — in the mid-80s was the making of him.

Chancellor Kohl's recent memoirs make plain his impatience with her hectoring. But, although borrified by Lady Thatcher's fre-quent references to wanting "my money back" dur-ing negotiations over EU rebates, the womanising President Mitterrand reached the famous judgment that she had "the eyes of Caligula and the mouth of Marilyn Monroe."

"Patience is not one of my obvious virtues," she announced in 1979, only six months after she had come to power.

And, as a school friend in Grantham once put it, she had "an irritating sense of her own superiority".

News in brief

Party leaders back two-minute silence

JOHN Major, Tony Blair and Paddy Ashdown have joined forces to back the call for a nationwide two-minute silence at 11am on Armistice Day, November 11, when large sections of Britain will come to a halt to pay tribute to the sacrifice of the nation's war dead and injured.

nation's war dead and injured.

Schools, colleges, shops, businesses and the broadcast media are among thousands of organisations that will stop. Mr Major said he strongly supported the idea that the country should pause to remember for two minutes that morning. He would observe the silence, probably in his Downing Street office. On Remembrance Sunday every year, the nation rightly gathers in remembrance at the Cenotaph, at war memorials

throughout the UK and abroad and indeed more privately," Mr Mr Blair said: "We owe a great debt to our fellow countrymen and women who gave their lives in two world wars so that succeeding generations could live in freedom."

British student jailed in US

A BRITISH exchange student has been jailed in the US for one year for "betraying US hospitality" by defrauding two banks and a computer company of \$139,000 (about £87,000). Neil Mistry, aged 25, of Middlesex, was sentenced after pleading guilty before a judge who said be found Mistry's betrayal of US hospitality 'utterly reprehensible".

Mistry was a computer engineering student at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Massachusetts, for a year. The indictment said he devised and implemented a scheme to defraud Fleet and Shawmut banks and EMC2, where he worked briefly. He was ordered to pay full restitution before he is released and

Man killed during prank

A FATHER of two was killed while placing penny coins on the railway track to flatten them, an inquest in Northumberland was told yesterday. Bruce Darling, aged 25, was hit full on by an InterCity train travelling at 110mph during the prank at Cramlington station in Northumberland. He had been drinking with friends in a shelter on the platform.

He leaves a widow and two children aged six and four. A poles was a whole and two changes and the large spokesman for British Transport Police said: "I thought this game of placing pennies on the line had died out but it still crops up occasionally. It is anything but a harmless prank as this death proves." A verdict of accidental death was recorded.

'Lost' painting to be sold

A PAINTING "lost" for 80 years is to be sold at auction at Sotheby's on Wednesday, it is expected to fetch up to £180,000. The work by the Victorian artist Frederic, Lord Leighton, was rediscovered in East Anglia during a routine probate valuation of an

The picture, entitled Cleobulus Instructing his Daughter Cleobuline, is the missing one of three paintings which Leighton exhibited at the 1871 Royal Academy summer exhibition.

£2m prize unclaimed

THE countdown has begun for the largest unclaimed lottery prize to be picked up by its rightful winner. Just 21 days remain for the owner of a ticket bought in Hull on May 25 to claim the jackpot prize of £2,054,754. If he does not come forward by 11pm on November 21, the cash, and interest, will be handed over to the five good causes. The winning numbers for that draw were 8, 26, 42, 20, 34, 43 with a 25 bonus ball. So far £58,951,197 has been handed over to the good causes in unclaimed prize money.

Fewer cot deaths

COT deaths fell last year to a new low of 0.6 per thousand live births, compared with 0.7 in 1994. There were 398 such deaths in England and Wales, according to provisional official figures. The rate has fallen from 2.3 a thousand in 1988. — David Brindle

Official visit reflects campaign to end embargo

Buenos Aires makes new diplomatic push

David Fairhail, Defence

HE first official visit to Britain since the Falklands war by a member of Argentina's military high command begins this weekend as part of a diplomatic campaign which Buenos Aires hopes will lead London and Buenos Aires. to the lifting of the 14-year British arms embargo.

The visit by Lieutenant General Martin Antonio army's general staff, comes only days after the disclosure that Whitehall has already secretly "reassessed" the em-bargo to allow Rolls Royce to supply spare parts for the the Argentine navy's warships.

The general is not coming formally to negotiate further relaxation of the ban. But in

gue that relations have so improved that an embargo no Reports that Argentina's

readiness to co-operate in the joint development of the Falk-lands' offshore oil was linked Argentinian diplomatic

sources insist that each aspect of the improving relations between the two countries - financial invest-ment, oil exploration, fisheries development and mili-

tary "confidence building"—
is being treated separately.
The fact remains that lifting what remains of the embargo, allowing the Argentine navy in particular to re-estab-lish traditional pre-war links relaxation of the ban. But in with its British counterpart, in the next major Argentinian

the Defence Secretary, objective. In spite of the ban, Michael Portillo, he will are Argentina's Rolls Royce Argentina's Rolls Royce-powered destroyers are evi-dently getting enough spares. Besides, there is little money in the defence budget for new

equipment. General Malza was an artillery commander during the Falklands campaign and spent some time as a prisoner of the British forces. His official visit is the latest step in a programme of "normalisacountries' armed forces that began in 1990. It has included joint United

Nations peacekeeping opera-tions in Cyprus and a visit to Buenos Aires last year by the Antarctic survey ship HMS

Endurance.
The Argentine chief of staff will spend three days in the UK, and will meet his British counterpart, General Sir Charles Guthrie.

Nat and Georgia Simpson in Brookside: the Broadcasting Standards Council rebuked Channel 4 for glamorising inces

GPs spurn Labour plan to abolish fundholding

Smith under pressure as only 1 in 5 backs change

David Brindle, Social Services Correspondent

ARELY one in five fundholding family doc-tors thinks Labour's plans to replace the system are acceptable, a survey of more than 1,300 general practices indicated yesterday.
The finding increases pres-

sure on Chris Smith, Labour's shadow health secretary, to water down the par-ty's plans to abolish fundhold-

threat to scrap fundholding

and to ensure successful fund-holders are "left alone". Labour aims to replace fundholding, by which some GPs buy hospital and community health care for their pa-tients, with a system of locality commissioning involving all GPs and other health pro-

fessionals in decisions on the way NHS cash is spent. The survey, the biggest of its kind, was carried out by the National Association of annual conferace of fundholding doctors in Harrogate.

The survey results follow a call by the Institute for Public Policy Research, the influential left-of-centre think tank, for Labour to put on hold its

to keep within a common budget, 22 per cent again said yes and 68 per cent no. Asked if they would prefer a practice-based budget, making their own decisions on how to stay

within it, 89 per cent said yes and 16 per cent no.

The survey also found that 87 per cent of the fundholders had bought in new services for their patients, such as counselling, physiotherapy and chiropody. Forty-two per cent were running consultant out-patient clinics at their

surgeries. Dr Rhidian Morris, NAFP chairman, said the findings were an emphatic endorsement of fundholding. "We want a simple answer from Chris Smith: will fundholding stay or will it go under a Labour government?" A spokeswoman for Mr Smith said he did not intend to make any definitive an-

nouncements at the NAFP

Rebuke for Brookside incest Andrew Culf Media Correspondent

HANNEL 4 received a fresh rebuke yesterday from a television watchdog for glamorising incest in Brookside. The Broadcasting Stan-

dards Council said incest was a subject that had to be treated with care and sensitivity and the programme had failed to do this. Last week the Independent Television Commission or-

dered Channel 4 to broadcas an apology for showing brother and sister Nat and Georgia Simpson cuddling in bed in Brookside's Saturday teatime omnibus.
The council, chaired by
Lady Howe, went further, describing both the 8pm week-day and 5pm omnibus slots as saying it dealt with "the last fused state at Heathrow. It "inappropriate".

The council acknowledged

the role scaps could play in dealing with difficult social issues, but its members had been troubled by "the absence of any insight into the motivation of the characters to behave as they did".

It also criticised the use of

attractive role models, actors John Sandford and Helen Forty viewers had com-plained about a kiss and bed-room scenes between the cou-

Channel 4, in a statement to the council, said the series had a valuable role in bringing "untouchable" subjects to wider audiences. Stories on drugs and date rape — and the incest story—

had received a positive res-ponse from viewers and agencles working in these sensitive areas. "Everything about their li-aison, including the lead-up

to it, was portrayed as angst-inducing, furtive and wrong." The tragic consequences of

said: 'The programme pre-sented her confusion and de-spair in such a way it made offensive viewing.

Granada was attacked for God's Gift, in which a contestant revealed he had acciden-tally excreted on to his girl-friend's leg. The council said it pandered to the lowest standards and the 1.10am transmission time was no excuse. The council said a Conserrine council sain a Conservative Party political broad-cast, featuring the "demon eyes" image, was ill-judged, but rejected complaints that it was frightening. Complaints about bad lan-

Some said it was wrong to include a storyline which might encourage imitation before the 9pm adult viewing watershed.

Brookside producer Mal

The tragic consequences of the relationship would continue to be explored.

BBC1's Airport was critical works, Karaoke and Cold Lazarus, shown on BBC1 and Channel 4, were rejected.



'Handful' of dual killing

cers had already interviewed the murderer. Detective Chief Inspector Dave Stevens said they were narrowing down the list of suspects and were looking at a "handful" of local people who had been questioned

about the killings.
DCI Stevens said: "I believe we have probably already spoken to the person respon-sible. But we do have over 5.000 people on our database. whom we have questioned, and it is a matter of narrowing those down."

Mr Stevens said there was a possibility the killer could be a paedophile or someone suffering from psychosis. This is a man who does

not want to be caught. There was a degree of planning to the murders and he has gone to some lengths to hide his

Detectives leading the inquiry into the murders hailed as a breakthrough nine-year-old Josie Russell's revelation that she ran away from her attacker after he bludgeoned

her mother.
Josie, who suffered serious head injuries in the hammer attack as she walked home from school with her mother and sister on July 9, is still

unable to speak.

Speech therapists have devised a system of communication for Josie and she uses models and felt pictures to show detectives what hap pened. DCI Stevens said

This is a slow, painful pro-cess for Josie as she remembers the events."



Josie Russell - the attack

Politicians of all hues welcome bill on corruption

Italian bribe saga draws to a close

John Hooper in Rome

FALY'S centre-left government let it be known yesterday that it intended bringing down the curtain on the melodrama known as Tangentopoli (Bribesville). Giovanni Maria Flick, the

justice minister, said he would be tabling a bill before the end of the year to enable all those accused of corruption to escape prison. His proposal was warmly welcomed by politicians of the left and

Romano Prodi, the prime minister, said: "We believe that Tangentopoli ought to be got away from." But, in a television interview last night, he questioned whether the parliamentary timetable would allow the bill to be debated as speedily as Mr Flick wanted. It is just over three-and-a-

half years since prosecutors in Milan began exposing the system of bribes that drives Italian party politics. As a result, the country's longestserving post-war prime min-ister, the Socialist Bettino Craxi, has fled into exile in Tunisia and the careers of hundreds of other politicians have been destroyed.

respects, the effects of Tan-gentopoli have been negli-

lan Traynor in Bonn

HE German government

sought yesterday to

economic experts, the opposi-

tion and its own supporters in

the media over a deepening

budget crisis, and tried to mo-bilise support for the single

Responding to criticism of his fiscal policies by Ger-

many's six leading economic

thinktanks, the embattled fi-

nance minister, Theo Waigel,

parliament that Germany

would meet the terms for a

Christian Democrats (CDU)

paign for the single currency, pledging that the criteria would be met next year and

the euro launched on sched-ule in 1999. The party dis-missed the thinktanks' pre-

diction that in 1997 Germany

would fail the single currency

Yesterday's emergency bud-get debate followed two weeks

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Chancellor Helmut Kohl's

single currency next year.

been done to dismantle the network of patronage that underpins the graft. And, above all, there has been no reform of party funding, whose inadequactes originally inspired if

A report on corruption prepared for the leader of the lower house of parliament and leaked yesterday said: The scandals and trials merely made the kickbacks riskier and thus more conspicuous, the corruption more sophisticated and the struggle again more difficult. against corruption

This view has been used by some on the centre-left as a reason for ending the crusade against corruption in the courts. Critics of the government have insinuated that it has other motives.

The dominant party in the ruling Olive Tree coalition is the ex-communist Democratic funding methods were under investigation by prosecutors before last April's general election. In recent weeks, moreover, the PDS has been trying to reach an understandave been destroyed.

But, in several important with the opposition, whose leader, Silvio Berlusconi, is on trial for corruption.

The pro-government con-servative newspaper Frank-

furter Allgemeine delivered a

damning indictment of Mr

Waigel, saying Germany

faced "an economic and social

The newspaper's verdict

was less than generous to Mr

Kohl, who today becomes Ger-

many's longest-serving post-

my in western Germany is staggering under the burden

of dealing with the east. The

east is turning into the most

expensive disaster of the post-

high-tax country with mass

unemployment and without

the justification to enter mon-

Josepha Fischer, the leader

into Mr Waigel's wounds, ac-cusing him of inactivity, and

of stumbling from one budget

gap to the next.

Mr Waigel tried to blame

the opposition, which blocked

some proposed spending cuts in the upper house. But the

general perception is that the

On Tuesday, a joint report by the six economic think-

ment's credibility was suffer-

buck stops with Mr Kohl.

etary union."

of mounting disarray in the coalition cabinet over tax in-

creases and gaping holes in gel's policy; that the govern-

var era. Germany remains a

crisis".

victed of corruption has been inewspaper La Repubblica, Mr sent to jail after, rather than before, his trial. Little has fact that his plans for a "politfact that his plans for a "political solution" to Tangentopoli paralleled the former communists' attempts to woo the right. "I am trying to do the same in the field of justice,"

> Mr Flick who, as a lawyer, number of corruption cases said he favoured "broader plea bargaining". But he added that those convicted would be banned from holding public office and made to repay what they had stolen.

His pledges were scoffed at by a leader of the hardline Communist Refoundation. "It is very well-known that it is impossible to put into pracimpossible to put into practice the repayment of illicit gains and the ban on office-holding," said Tullio Gimaldi.

But Pietro Folena, the PDS justice spokesman, said Mr Flick's solution was "excel-

anced policies were "what had allowed the Olive Tree to win the election", he added. Mr Berlusconi's followers. who were vilified by the cen-tre-left for trying to muzzle the anti-corruption prosecu-tors, reacted with delight and wry irony. The former junior justice minister, Domenico Contestabile, noted the similarities with a proposal he

unemployment next year.

train will leave on schedule

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and as strong as the mark."

Mr Waigel insisted next
year's public sector borrow-

ing requirement would not exceed the projected DM56.5 billion which would

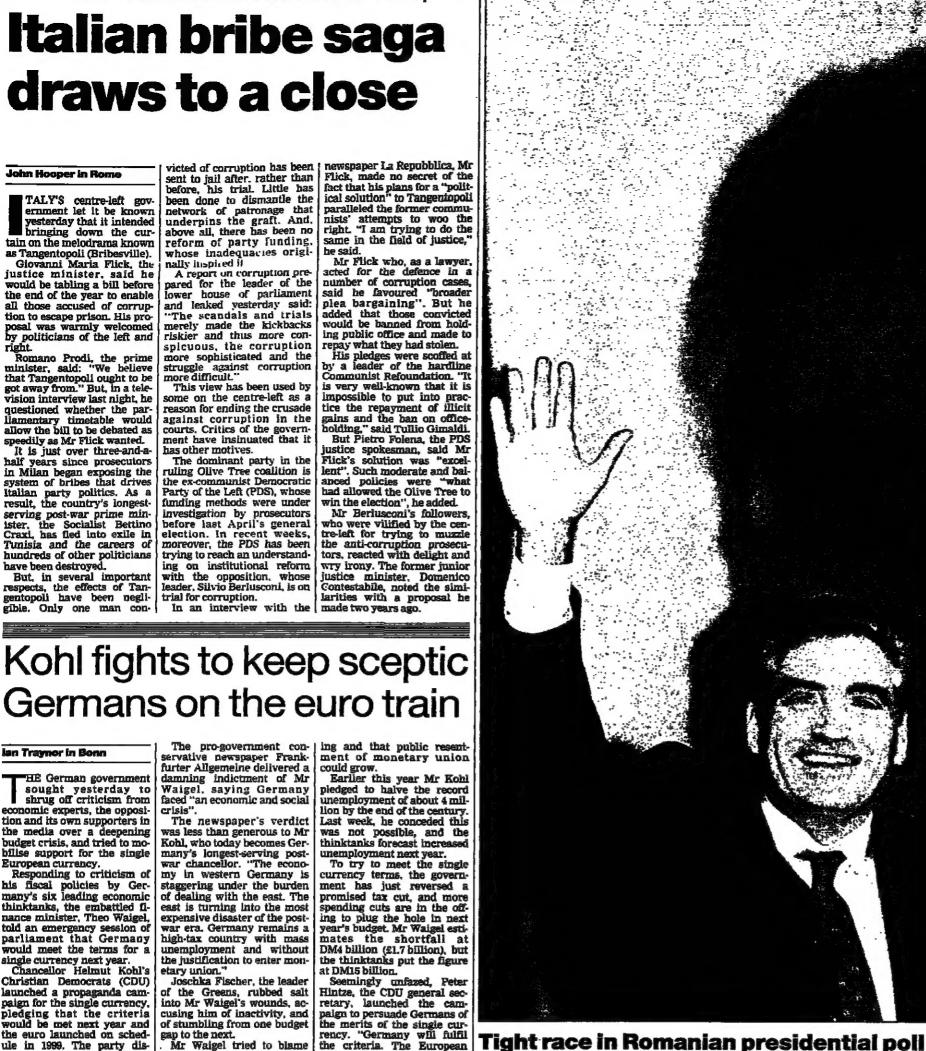
bring the budget deficit under

the 3 per cent ceiling required

for the single currency.

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at DM15 billion.



Tight race in Romanian presidential poll

ROMANIA'S former prime minister, Petre Roman, above, waves to supporters in Bucharest yesterday at the end of his electoral campaign to oust President Ion Illescu in

both men led the 1989 anti-

Opinion polls put Mr Roman, the country's first post-communist prime min-ister, in third place in the Sunday's poll.

He made an impassioned plea to vote against Mr a former communist, and

Mr Roman told thou-sands of of supporters that Revolution Square, where Nicolae Ceansescu last ap-peared before his capture and execution, was a sacred place for him. — Reuter.

Russia facing

revenue crisis

USSIA'S finance minis-ter, Alexander Livshits, has issued an urgent warning to the prime minister. Viktor Chernomyrdin, that state finances for this mouth are about to collapse. Mr Livshits said that in the first two weeks of the month, Russia's tax and customs col-lectors raised 3,000 billion roubles (£342 million), only

rottoles (EMZ million), only
16 per cent of the sum forecast
in the budget.

In his "urgent dispatch"
leaked yesterday to a Russian
newspaper, he wrote that if
this frend continued, federal revenues would be half those

Mr Livshits said that would eave the government unable to pay 85 per cent of the state workers' wage bill, the army

budget and state benefits. The letter comes on top of a statement from the labour minister, Gennady Melikyan, that the level of unpaid wages owed by the public sector in general has more than doubled to 43,000 billion (\$4.9 billion) since February, when Boris Yeltsin promised to pay them back in a month.

When the International May to July, and 22 in August.

Monetary Fund said last week that it was delaying this month's \$340 million tranche of a \$10 billion loan because i was unhappy about the bud-get revenues, the administra-tion attempted to bluff it out. Anatoly Chubais, chief of the presidential administration and vice-chairman of an emergency tax commission, said: "The situation will be dramatically changed. There will be no financial disaster."

Mr Chubais and President
Yeltsin have vowed to use force to solve the problem

saying that pressure on taxpayers will come from law enforcement bodies. The main cause of the collapse of tax revenues has been the inability of heavy industry to pay. Two-thirds of the 8,900 billion roubles the government did manage to raise in the first two weeks of this month was represent by

this month was generated by government borrowing on the domestic market, foreign trade, or selling precious met als and hard currency abroad. Industry is in a state of collapse. Gross domestic product has decreased by 8 per cent

We are being invited to admire Gingrich and Dole for having had the moral courage to leave their first wives for younger women. Mark Lawson

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World news in brief

'Cover up' of Gulf war nerve gas exposure

THE CIA and the Pentagon repeatedly attempted to cover up investigation revealing overwhelming evidence that tens of thousands of United States troops were exposed to Iraqi cher cal weapons during the Gulf war, two former CIA analysis had

The accusation comes a day before the Pentagen sends out letters to 20,000 Gulf war veterans, informing them that they may have come into contact with chemical agents after the bombing of an iraqi ammunition dump during the war.

The analysis, a husband and wife team, say they disclosed about 60 incidents where US troops may have come hat contact with nerve gas and other chemical weapons. Attempts to pur-sue their unauthorised inquiry were obstructed by senior Pentagon figures, and top CIA officials including the ager director, John Deutch, voiced concern about their findings, couple told the New York Times. The CIA denied accusations of a cover-up. — Gary Younge, Washington.

Apartheid killer jailed for life

EUGENE de Kock, the South African state assassin known to his colleagues as Prime Evil, was jalled for life yesterday by a judge who called his crimes "chilling and calculated". In the 1980s and early 1990s De Kock, a colonel in the security police, tortured and murdered those he considered enemies of the apartheid state. Sitting in Pretoria, Supreme Court Justice Willem van der

Merwe handed down 212 years and two life sentences to the motionless, bespeciacled man simped in the dock. In August De Kock was convicted of six murders, two charges of conspiracy to commit murder and 81 lesser offences ranging from fraud to Illegal possession of arms and amminition.

One of the life sentences was for the murder of an African National Congress activists brother, Zwelibanzi Nyanda. De Kock, who received a medal for the incident, shot and killed Nyanda when he ran from a house that De Kock's hit squad had

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission, headed by Archbishop Desmand Tutu, indicated that it may be prepared to reduce Turn said, ammesty was not an option for some of De Kock's crimes. — Ruaridh Nicoll, Pretoria.

Drug baron fined £67m

GILBERTO Rodriguez Orejuela, the jailed kingpin of Colombia's Call drug cartel, has agreed to pay a \$67 million fine — the biggest ever in Colombia — in a plea-bargain deal that could lead to his early release, judicial officials said.

Rodriguez, a reputed billionaire, agreed to pay the fine on confessing to the drug-related charge of Illicit enrichment in daylong testimony to a "faceless" or anonymous judge. A spokesman for the chief prosecutor, Alfonso Valdivieso, said Rodriguez had also confessed to 19 counts of fraud stemming from his use of bank

accounts to handle the illicit proceeds of his drug empire. He confessed to using some of those accounts to finance elec-toral campaigns in Colombia. The Cali cartel has been accused of providing about \$4 million in contributions to the 1994 campaign of President Ernesto Samper. Earlier this year, the Colombian congress cleared Mr Samper of any wrongdoing in relation to his campaign finances, in a trial dismissed by many critics as a whitewash. — Reader, Bogotá.

Rao charged with vote-buying

INDIAN federal police indicted the former prime minister, P. V.

Narasimha Rao, yesterday in a vote-buying case, hours after he made an unprecedented appearance in a beavily guarded makeshift trial court on criminal forgery charges.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) said it had charged Mr Rao with conspiring to pay legislators from a regional party 555,000 to vote against a no-confidence motion in 1983, which his Congress party narrowly survived. Charges were also filed against two other Congress party members under the Prevention of Corruption Act, as well as against four members of the regional

Jharkand Mukti Morcha party alleged to have received bribes. The bribery charge, which Mr Rao denies, carries a maximum penalty of five years in jail. A hearing has been set for tomorrow. Mr Rao resigned as prime minister in May after his Congress party, hobbled by corruption charges, suffered its worst defeat in general elections. He resigned the party leadership in disgrace in September. — Reuter, New Delhi.

Oslo bikers' gang bombed

A POWERFUL car bomb exploded yesterday outside the headquarters of a Norwegian motorcycle gang, causing extensive damage but no injuries, in the latest round of a feed between rival

Nordic biker gangs.
Police said the bomb exploded shortly after midnight beneath a stolen car parked outside the Oslo headquarters of MC Norway, a stolen car parked outside the Oslo headquarters of MC Norway, a bikers' group whose members aspire to join the international Hell's Angels. Police said they were looking for two men believed to be members of the rival Bandidos gang. — Reuter, Oslo.

Zimbabwe strikers face sack

THE Zimbabwean government yesterday ordered thousands of doctors and nurses to end their 10-day pay strike, threatening to sack those who defied its command and to replace them with expatriates. The strikers, through their unions, said they would. expandates. The strikers, inrough their unions, said they would not heed the call, but were prepared to talk to the government. An estimated 12,000 nurses and junior doctors have been on strike since October 21, paralysing state hospitals. They are demanding that President Robert Mugabe's government honour last month's pledge to consider their demands for a 60 per cent pay rice and better sanking conditions. Better Honour

Welcome sight for sore eyes

rise and better working conditions. Reuter, Harare.

DAILY "eyerobics" sessions have been introduced in many schools in Singapore. Every morning before assembly, children stand in neat rows in the playground rubbing and rolling their eves to slow music:

Teachers say the exercises help improve blood, relax the eye muscles and reduce eye strain. Some say they can improve eyesight. — Reuter, Singapore.

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AKING less than four hours to judge evi-dence flimsy even by Chinese show trial standards, a Beijing court yesterday handed down an 11year sentence against Wang Dan, a former Tiananmen Square student leader who has spent much of his adult

life in custody or on the run.

Mr Wang, aged 27, was found guilty of plotting to "subvert the government", a charge based largely on selected and compatings donelected and sometimes doc-



Wang Dan, as seen in 1989, gets 11 years for subversion

Hong Kong and Taiwan after his release from jail in 1993. He was detained again last year and held incommuni-cado for 17 months as authori-

ties struggled to stitch together a case. Among the allegedly subver-sive statements cited in the Beijing Intermediate People's Court was an assertion by Mr Wang that "freedom of speech under the constitution has be-come an empty phrase". The prosecution claimed this was false. A guilty verdict in political cases is a foregone

Mr Wang's father, who criticised the trial as hasty and unreasonable, said: "Speech can't overthrow the govern-

ment." He said his son would appeal. All such appeals fail. The judgment seut shivers through Hong Kong, which reverts to Chinese rule in 243 days under a Beijing-drafted constitution that bans "sub-

version". Governor Chris Patten said there would be "very considerable concern .. about a sentence imposed on a young man for activities which in most places, includ-ing Hong Rong, would be en-tirely legal? tirely legal".

It will also disconcert Presi-

dent Bill Clinton, who has been eager to improve ties with China. The US secretary of state, Warren Christopher, is due in Beijing next month.

Mr Wang's closed trial extinguishes the last embers of China's tiny dissident movement, completing a cycle of repression that has seen a prominent literary critic, a Nobel prize nominee and a host of other outspoken Chi-nese jailed or exiled.

"This represents the nadir of China's judicial system in dealing with dissidents," said Robin Munro of Human Rights Watch Asia. "There is no discernible legal ground for these proceedings. The only reason for this trial is that Wang Dan annoys the government and they are determined to silence him."

Human Rights Watch said authorities had committed

procedural violations in the case. Mr Wang was held for 17 months without access to his family or a lawyer before being charged. Chinese law allows only 10 days.
The state-run media hailed the trial as open and fair.
"Wang candidly confessed his

activities," according to the Xinhua news agency. Foreign journalists were barred from the courtroom. Police clamped a security cor-don around the building and

confiscated the film of at least two foreign camera crews. The past year's crackdown coincides with a drive by the president and Communist Party secretary, Jiang Zemin, to entrench his authority amid political uncertainty at-

tending the long dotage of Deng Xiaoping, now aged 92. Jail sentences for dissent in recent months have often exceeded those after the crushing of the 1989 Tiananmen Square student movement. Mr Wang was jailed for four

years for his involvement in the 1989 protests and released on parole a few months before completing the sentence. He had initiated "democracy salons" at Beijing University, and became one of the move ment's three principal leaders, along with Chai Ling and Wuerkaxi, both of whom fied



Agathe Dukunda feeds her 11-month-old daughter milk at a camp for Rwandan refugees in Mugunga, Zaire, yesterday

mulenge began de-scending from the hills to rout the Zairean army, Major-General Paul Kagame Rwanda's vice-president and the real power in the land

Gen Kagame's visit was partly a shopping trip for weapons, in a country where he was sure of a sympathetic their struggle for survival and that of Israel Gen Kagame attended the

dedication of a memorial to the Tutsi victims of genocide at the shrine to the Jewish Holocaust - a rare recogni-tion by Israel of another people's suffering. He heard from the hardline Israeli gov-

THE Banya- erroment about persecuted mi-lenge began de-norities' right of self-defence. away does not resolve it. by the time Gen Kagame While Rwanda's Tutsis can returned home, others, too, were making comparisons. The Banyamulenge are Zairean Tutsis threatened with expulsion or slaughter by their government, neigh-

bours and Hutu extremists. They have increasingly ap-peared as a proxy army intent on carving out a buffer zone ear. Increasingly, Rwanda's in Zaire on the border with Tutsis draw parallels between Rwanda — much as Israel has done in south Lebanon.

For Rwanda's Tutsis, it is not merely a fight to keep political control. Like many Israelis, they fear defeat means extermination. Their anxiety is built on recent historical. is built on recent history and the continued slaughter of Tutsis in eastern Zaire. But, as Israel has discov

breathe more easily with Zairean cohorts fleeing from the border, the rout has done little to diminish the prospect of bloodshed.

The threat lies with the same forces that led the 1994 genocide and fled after their defeat by the Rwanda Patriotic Front. Gen Ragame argues that extremists were ethnically cleansing" Zaire in preparation for carving out a *de facto* Hutu state to wage war on Rwanda.

Gen Kagame said: "One sure thing was that after cleansing the whole of east-ern Zaire of [the Banyamulenge] they [the Hutu extremists] were going to come

back here. They have been infiltrating, they have been carrying out incursions from Zaire and killing people here. They've been killing survivors. They've been killing local administration people. "The idea was to have a

'nure' base, a base where they could operate with freedom, with nobody who is not of their kind." Hutu extremists of the

Interahamwe militia joined soldiers from the defeated Rwandan army around the towns of Bukavu and Kaman-yola, within striking distance of Rwanda. They became in-creasingly bound up with Burundi's Hutu rebels in a common cause to overthrow the Tutsi-dominated systems of

'They've been killing survivors. They've been killing local administration people. The idea was to have a 'pure' base where the Hutu extremists could operate with freedom, with nobody who is not of their kind'

Chris Mcgreal reports

from Kigali of Rwandan Hutu extremists

breath. He is not alone among Rwandon soldiers in viewing in Zaire was laid bare as Banyamulenge rebels fought many of his Burundian countowards Bukavu. Former solterparts as too extreme and diers of the crushed Rwandan uncompromising in dealing army were seen controlling with the Hutu majority. road-blocks or working with But there is no doubt that Zairean troops. the Banyamulenge rebellion

With the Banyamulenge has served the interests of claiming to control swaths of both Kigali and Bujumbura. Two weeks ago, Burundi's military leader, Major Pierre eastern Zaire. Gen Kagame is circumspect on any buffer Buyoya, looked precarious. zone. "My priority is not to have a buffer zone, the priority is not to have those mili-Regional sanctions after his July coup hit government revenues and hardened Tutsi tias at all. That would be my attitudes.

Maj Buyoya broke a Tutsi extremist credo by offering Hutu rebels unconditional negotiations in the hope that a regional summit would ease sanctions. He failed, but the The extent of the influence | mentioned in the same | him with some relief.

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Pakistan siege saves Islamists

Suzanne Goldenberg in Islamabad reports on the comeback of a party that claims to speak with the voice of the people

the capital, which exposed the vulnerability of Benazir Bhutto's government and, at a stroke, rescued the small

rightwing party from the po-litical wilderness. Riot police sealed off Islamabad with barricades and barbed wire, reducing the Ja-maat-i-Islami's "million-man march" on Monday to a pray-in of a lew thousand faithful that was dispersed by clouds of tear gas. But the Islamist leader was undaunted.

"They crushed the sugar cane and all the sweetness came out," Qazi Hussain Ah-med, the Jamaat-i-Islami leader, told a few thousand of his supporters, mainly stu-dents from lower middle-class homes, at a congratulatry rally in Rawalpindi. The

crowd roared its approval.
The Jamaat believes it has benefited hugely from its demonstration calling for the removal of Ms Bhutto, hitching the cause of Islamisation to popular discontent with her three-year-old govern-ment. "We have become the

AKISTAN'S Islamists seemed condemned to the sidelines. It won just three their two-day siege of the capital, which exposed the 1993. The rout of its protégés in Afghanistan by the rival Taliban faction was an addi-

tional loss of face.

But by laying siege to Is lamabad for two days, forcing the closure of schools and disrupting normal business, it has proved that for street power, its well-organised cadre are rivalled only by the governing Pakistan People's Party (PPP).
The Jamaat started its cam-

paign against Ms Bhutto a few months ago. "As far as corruption is concerned, this is the worst government of our history. The rampant cor-ruption has reached a stage where the economy has failed and the people cannot bear it," Mr Ahmed said.

Unlike the other opposition parties, however, the Jamaat will not rest with the removal of Ms Bhutto and the conven-ing of elections. It wants an overhaul of Pakistani society. "This movement is for the

awakening of the people. Our objective is that the whole class, which is a class of exploiters, should be ousted from power." Mr Ahmed said.

pathy for the poor because they are feudals."

major interest." he said.

lem at arms' length.

But there is a belief in Kiga-

li that pushing the militias

and refugees deeper into

Zaire at least puts the prob-

Gen Kagame objects to

Rwanda and Burundi being

Although he presents him-self as a man of reason, Mr Ahmed has little patience for the activities that take place Muslim League (PML) has within the "house of evil", or been equally discomfited. parliament, and he resigned from the senate in September. in our country because those who are democrats are feu-

Despite the liberal outlook of the country's elite, he said:

This movement is for the awakening of the people, Our aim is to oust

from power a class of exploiters

"I think a very vast majority of Pakistanis are true believers. Many people may look free and may not wear hijab [the veil], but in their heart of hearts they are believers." The Jamaat has been calling for the enforcement of a con stitutional clause that would require all MPs to show they are pious Muslims.

a few who are looting the crats fear could provoke a Even the PPP has admitted that the Jamant has added to mounting pressure on the

government, but argues that the main opposition Pakistan "It's not only the Jamaat con frontation with the govern Democracy means nothing ment. Jamaat has its own struggle for pre-eminence within the opposition as well, so Jamaat has tried to jumpstart opposition efforts against the government." Aitzaz Ahsan, a former law minister and the PPP leader of the

upper house or senate, said. Mushahid Hussain, the PML spokesman, agreed. "There is a pressure on us to perform, as well as to compete Both parties will be put to

the test in the coming days as the Jamaat struggles to sustain the momentum for two weeks of protests in the runup to a women's rally on November 11. and the PAIL prepares its response. "There will be peaks and troughs, but we will sustain it," said Khur-shid Alimed, the sole remain ing Jamaat member in the senate. "We are not in a hurry because we are not merely a political party, we are a movement."

• Four former Pakistan

army officers were convicted yesterday of plotting to overvoice of the people," Mr Ahmed said.

A month ago, the Jamaat, founded in Lahore in 1941, resources are in the hands of down, an eventuality demo-

Jail turns star-gazer into star pundit

Jane Knight in Caracas

STROLOGER José ABernardo Gómez had foreseen prison, followed by social acclaim, on his own astrological charts, but hadn't understood why.

Last week the meaning became clear. Mr Gomez was picked up by Venezuela's secret police and thrown into a tiny cell for 18 hours. Then he was interested obout remarks thrown into a tiny cell for 18 hours. Then he was interrogated about remarks he made during a business conference earlier this month predicting the downfall and probable death of the president.

Freed after a second sleepless night, Mr Gómez, though retirement is a possibility. An unknown political figure aged between 40 would be a "violent explosion" in January 1992, followed by "great tension" from November 28 to December 31. The coup attempts were on February 4 and November 27.

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president of Venezuela's astrological association, has shot to stardom.

health and continues with ponse to Mr Gomez's latest prediction has left political months before Mr Calanalysts questioning an ap-

"I said that President Rafael Caldera is astrologically very marked with the symbol of death," he said. "By June 1997, he won't be heading the country." He predicted that Mr Cal-

dera, who will be 81 in Jan-uary, will probably die after a brief illness, al-though retirement is a pos-

dera was elected in Decem-ber 1993, Mr Gomez predicted his victory. At that time, he predicted that Mr Caldera's presidency could end "with the surprise of

his death".
Earlier, Mr Gómez had foreseen the rough timing of two 1992 coup attempts. In a newspaper article in late 1991, he said there would be a "violent explosion" in January

analysts questioning an ap-parent nervousness about the president's health.

The interior minister, José Guillermo Andueza, said the astrologer was de-tained because of the "po-litical implications" of his general, Ivan Dario Badell. ordered an investigation into the detention.

Mr Gomez's telephone has not stopped ringing since he was freed. He now plans to drop individual clients and concentrate on political predictions.

"My life has changed in a week," be said. "I didn't The government's res- know that would happen."

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The Bank gets its way

But there's a catch: it's the wrong medicine

KENNETH CLARKE has got it wrong | the Government's own labour this time. So far, since inheriting an economy whose prospects were transformed by the post-Black Wednesday devaluation in 1992, he has proved a surprisingly deft chancellor steering the economy on a course of modest expansion and low inflation. Now he is letting electoral politics drive his eco-nomic decisions. We hope we are wrong but there must be a deep suspicion that he is raising interest rates now to appease the City in advance of tax cuts in next month's budget. It should be the other way round. If he is worried that the recovery will disintegrate into a consumer boom leading to higher inflation (no one is talking about an investment or export boom at present) then he should be raising income tax at least for a while. This would have the double advantage of dampening consumer spending while reducing the worrying budget deficit. Higher interest rates don't address the deficit: but they do risk stulting investment and exports. Since the first week in August the value of the pound has risen by 7.5 per cent against major world currencies thereby eroding much of industry's new-found competitiveness. From a purely tactical point of view, if has decided to bow however misguidedly — to Bank of England pressure to raise interest rates, he might as well have raised them by more if only to quell expectations of a repeat performance. The Treasury can't seriously think that a single 0.25 per cent rise in rates will halt an incipient spending boom. Small wonder, the Federation of Small Businesses was up in arms yesterday.

And why is he so worried about inflation? Mr Clarke is supposed to be the responsible chancellor putting economics above politics. Where is the evidence of a wage or price explosion? The world is dufferent now. Globalisation, the information revolution plus

"reforms" (with attendant job insecurity) have not only changed labour markets but have also overstated the rate of inflation (as when much more powerful computers sell at unchanged

In the United States - even without the debatable benefits of the Thatcherite revolution - unemployment is now down to 5 per cent (as against 7.4 per cent here) without stoking up inflation. Why should we be different over here? In some parts of the US unemployment is down to 2 per cent and even 1.5 per cent. In Britain the Government doesn't publish regional inflation rates so we don't know, for instance, whether East Anglia which has unemployment of "only" 5.7 per cent is suffering higher infitation than elsewhere. Probably not. The point is that unless the Government is prepared to test the waters a bit more, we won't know whether economic expansion could be greater, and unemployment much lower, without

generating fresh inflation.
Once again the Treasury is using last year's Bradshaw to predict a future which won't be like the past. For instance, during the next 12 months up to £20 billion in windfall capital gains will be distributed to millions of people by the building societies. Alliance and Leicester announced a £1,000 per member distribution this week. What chance will a 0.25 per cent rise in interest do to stem that being spent? If the Chancellor is worried about overheating arising from consumer spend-ing he should increase income tax rather than raise interest rates at a time when Britain's recently acquired competitiveness is being eroded by a sharp rise in sterling. Of course, if Mr Clarke is secretly preparing for a fiscally austere budget with tax increases,



At least the Forum accepts life outside the nuclear family

regarded with suspicion. Modern day prophets who preach against moral relativism but want to draw up Ten New Commandments for contemporary times should be viewed even more suspiciously. Surely the first rules out the second. If you believe in moral absolutes — and declare your commitment to Christianity — then surely the Ten Commandments should need no modern day amendments. For all these reasons we have had our doubts about Nicholas Tate, the chief executive of the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority (SCAA). He has been too ready to link the decline in religion with a decline in moral values which is an insult to humanists; too simplistic in his attack on moral relativism, narrowly defined as do-it-yourself morality; too blind to the need for teachers to warn about the dangers of absolutes and the importance of taking into account circumstances, conditions and culture. Yet out of Dr Tate's Ten Commandment Forum some important lessons have been learned - by Dr Tate

The first is the readiness of ministers - even the sensible Gillian Shephard to exploit his report for populist purposes, explicitly criticising the and implicitly supporting the minority of five out of 150 members who wanted the traditional conflake version of a as crooks, would resign.

MODERN DAY Moses are rightly beterosexal married couple and their children. Dr Tate has been robustly defending his Forum's refusal to endorse this one traditional form of family life. How would teachers operate in inner city schools where a majority of their children are from single parent

> Perhaps all Mrs Shephard was trying to do was divert attention from the Forum's important interim message to ministers: that schools alone cannot turn the tide in a society where "the real values most promoted today are success, self-interest, wealth, winning, successful deception and not getting caught." If she was, she was unsuccessful as the individual members continued their criticisms of the current government yesterday. One professor of religious education spoke of the gulf between what they were asked to do and "the money-mad society that is affecting every value". Failing families and failing schools were not the only culprits even if ministers were unable to acknowledge their responsibility.

Unlike an earlier prime minister, the draft new moral code recognises not just that there is such a thing as society but the importance of "collective endeavour for the common good of society". Margaret Thatcher's individualis-Forum for its failure to place enough tic social order is ruled out. Even more emphasis on the importance of families pertinently, so is the modern political phenomenon of "no shame, no blame". On this wish, we are at one with Dr only one form of family life promoted: Tate: if only ministers and MPs exposed

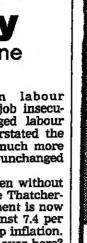
Memories of an iron Chancellor

But if he is promoted as a role model, best to run for a bus

is now bringing the caners and floggers out of their cupboards. John Major may have hosed down Gillian Shephard, but the Back to the Good Old Days gang on the Tory back benches, determined to cast out cosseting and eliminate the ninimy-piminy, may be harder to contain. All the more so, perhaps, once they've read the obituary of Lady Chancellor in yesterday's Daily Telegraph. Sylvia Chancellor was the daughter of Sir Richard Paget, an inventor, who, to test the effectiveness of a sign language he had devised, stuffed the ears of his daughters with treacle. When electricity was installed at the family home in Somerset, Sylvia (aged nine) was chosen to do the wiring. When the girls grew older, their father required them to catch buses along Park Lane and throw themselves off the conductor's platform, backwards, Sir Richard saw this as a test of his theory that the force | ian advocates either,

INEVITABLY the Great Moral Crusade | of the air behind them would cushion them, ensuring they landed safely. Guardian readers may think such behaviour extreme. Yet, as some Tory MP - our money is on Sir Rhodes Boyson - will no doubt point out, it must be some proof of their efficacy that Lady

Chancellor died at the age of 95. Moral crusaders may be less en-thralled, however, by the information which follows. Sir Richard's marriage. it seems, was somewhat semi-detached. The children's mother, Lady Muriel, spent much of her time engaged in good works in Russia. When asked if he and Lady Muriel were by any chance related, Sir Richard used to reply: "Only by marriage." The moral of which, if any, appears to be that while jumping off buses backwards is not necessarily fatal, nor is a fractured family background... Not, of course, Sir Rhodes please note, that the Guard-



we will eat our words. And chancellors

families? Circumstances can be crucial.

In House

on the wrong side of Rupert Murdoch's "global gate" (The keeper of the global gate, Octoother services to those viewers. At the same time, BT is having a hard time from the same cable operators. In the areas where cable is available, up to a third of homes now get their phone connections from

If consumers are not to end up being locked into an exclusive arrangement with Mr Murdoch or having to pur-chase several boxes, it is cru-cial that Oftel and the DTI have sufficiently strong pow-

ers to protect consumers' We are urging the DTI to ensure all broadcasters have open access on fair terms to a single set-top box. Otherwise, Mr Murdoch's global gate will shut off many consumers' ac-cess to the wide range of pro-grammes digital TV will have to offer.

We argued throughout the

passage of the Bill that con-

sumers must be able to access

the various digital systems -

ferent set top boxes.

terrestrial, satellite and cable

- without having to buy dif-

Letters to the Editor

Robin Simpson. Acting Director, National Consumer Council, 20 Grosvenor Gardens,

UPERT Murdoch's relationship with BT is more complicated even than Henry Porter implies. An increasing number of Sky viewers are not Sky subscribers: they receive their channels from their local cable

The relationship between cable operators and Sky has always been tense. Murdoch would prefer to deliver his

UGO Young's article (Howard, the bome alone

secretary, October 30), stated

that in the Home Secretary's

early days at the Home Office

he was the subject of an "un-

precedented complaint" to the

Permanent Secretary by under and assistant-secretar-ies in the policy field. This canard was first

printed by your newspaper in November 1993 when you

Sir Clive Whitemore, had

been sent an "unprecedented letter" by key policy-makers

in these grades, complaining

about Mr Howard. Sir Clive

wrote to you on November 11,

1993, making it clear that be had not received such a letter

The position remains the

lefend the Railtrack enquiry into the Watford crash (Let-ters, October 30). If only the Secretary of State were to spend as much time attending

to the nation's transport sys-

tem as he does corresponding with the pages of this news-

paper, our railways, buses and tubes would be the envy of the

GUARDIAN readers are thought to prefer Labour

governments. Your survey

Society, October 30) records

that fewer than half the read-

ers who are now confident

about the economy expect to feel better after the general

election. If, as I expect, the

opinion poll Labour lead is

eliminated. Guardian readers

may cheer up. Peter Bottomley MP.

London SW1A 0AA

Glenda Jackson MP.

Shadow Minister for Transport in London,

London SW1AA 0AA

House of Commons.

Richard Wilson. Permanent Under-Secretary

of State

Home Office,

Queen Anne's Gate,

London SW1H 9AT.

reported that my predece:

HE shortcomings of the Broadcasting Bill will intervention of third parties, leave many consumers enabling Sky to keep more of have abdicated their responsibility to deal with Rupert Murdoch's looming monopoly the revenue and to promote of our screens is not strictly true. Some of us have been fighting it for years. However, such efforts at a European level have not until now fea-tured highly on the British media's agenda. the competing companies. It would be in BT and Murdoch's Two years ago in the Euro-pean Parliament, I tabled an amendment to the TV stan-

combined interests to eliminate them. That's also why BT was offering Sky subscribers special phone deals until the Office of Telecommunications objected. Alan Burkitt-Gray.

7 Foxes Dale, London SE3 9BD.

ENRY Porter's compel-ling article is both timely and telling. There is an addi-tional danger that could finally leave Murdoch in a key position in the UK and else-where. BBC Transmission, comprising all the 850 or so staff and the UK and World Service transmitter sites, is due shortly to be privatised.

Whether BSkyB or any other Murdoch subsidiary is a OH. successful bidder will soon be known. What cannot be ruled years' time, one media mogul Murdoch's out is the strong possibility of would control every screen. a further sale or takeover of the privatised transmission company in two or three years hence, putting finally in Carole Tongue MEP. Ruport Murdoch's hands an 97a liford Lane. essential piece of the terrestrial UK and World Service transmission chain. Brian Marsh.

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Rupert's remote control Thrashing out a policy to deal with delinquent politicians

written home-school contracts are developed for every school, every parent and every pupil" (No apologies, no regrets, October 30). The Government, in propos-ing that home-school con-

tracts be a compulsory part of admissions policies in some schools is in danger of forcing other schools to accept those pupils rejected as a result. If all schools have contracts, we can ensure that the "difficult children" you talk about are covered and not simply those in schools with good parent

requirement for every digital decoder box. The amendment was defeated then with the arschool relationships. gument that the technology wasn't ready.
Now it's here, the UK gov-It was precisely because Gillian Shephard was unable to ernment has a duty to act to answer the logic of this point on the Today programme that she grasped in desperation for guarantee the common inter-face in every decoder box. Meanwhile, in the European the cane, without having dis-Parliament, we are urging a rewrite of existing European cussed her enthusiasm first with the Prime Minister. law to ensure that every David Bhankett. broadcaster can reach every citizen on their own terms —

Shadow Secretary of State for Education and Employment, London SWIA OAA

THINK John Major is wrong schools because, as a retired teacher who used corporal punishment — the "Lochgelly belt" — in Rockwell School for many years, I found it extremely effective in getting recalcitrant pupils to obey

I remember belting a boy for throwing a chisel and another for carving his initials on a benchtop. But I would gladly have delegated my duty to belt him to a higher authority of a democratic kind if such had been available. E G Macfarlane, Forthill Road, Broughty Ferry,

memoir blaming our mother

for his inability to form close relationships. She is severely

ill with Alzheimer's Disease She is therefore, quite literally, defenceless in the face of

such ghastly public retribution.

I have another brother. We

have maintained the closest relationship with each other

throughout our lives. Is it

possible, therefore, that Jon

Snow's argument is faulty? I

have no disagreement with him on one point.

It is high time for the cruelty inherent in the continued existence of private

REFFERATE the long-stand-ing policy of the Labour centuries, normal methods Party on home-school con-tracts: "We will ensure that braced legalised non-consensual sado-masochistic abuse, isn't it too bizarrely inconsis-tent for the state now to be

defending in Strasbourg its

attack upon consensual sado-masochistic adult whose ad-

diction most likely arises from such practices?
Is flagellomania truly the English vice; as the French have long believed, or is simple humbug our most characteristic falling? K Y Maloney. Corlough, Belturbet, Co Cavan.

As A TEACHER you came discipline. Once caning is institutionalised, one finds that less than 1 per cent of the school population ever need it. Caning with care instils discipline and enhances learning. No wonder African students in Britain do so well. (Dr) O G Aghim. Grosvenor Gardens, ondon NW11.

CANING did not do me damage — nor did it do to quash the request for the any good. Exclusion, in the use of corporal punishment in company of my excluded friends, may have accelerated my descent into delinquency.

If teachers need a choice of obscenities to control children, please choose the cane it's more honest, quicker, easier to recover from and less obscene than exclusion. Andy Wilson. King George Street, London SE10.

> WHAT an unedifying spec-tacle it has been to witness Gillian Shephard creating a rod for her own back. David Ainley. 41 The Hill, Cromford, Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 3RF.

unacceptable attitudes to

others provide detached par-

enting with the flimsiest

alibi. Upper middle class life of the 1950s equips my

brother with no excuse for

failing to accept full moral

responsibility for his own life

in late middle age.
I cannot see how anything in his childhood can now jus-

tify the humiliation of our

mother, whose memory of

those times has been wiped

out. It is simply pitiless. Self-indulgence has gained the

upper hand over decency.

Tom Snow. Mundania Road,

London SE22.

Jon Snow: a brother up in arms

AM shocked to read (Some mother's poor bloody son, October 30) that my brother, rible houses of separation and Jon Snow, has published a

dards draft directive demand-ing that a common interface

should be part of the licensing

in a free, not a rigged market.
When Denis Potter wrote
Cold Lazarus last year, his

Unless we act now at national

and European level, we won't even need to wait 30 years.

We may edit letters: shorter

We regret we cannot

ones are more likely to appear.

acknowledge those not used.

Essex IG1 2RJ.

I WAS JUST TRYING TO REMEMBER WHETHER I HAD A PANTASTIC TIME IN THE SIXTIES

OR the last 30 years the media culture and political climate have been dominated by a single, demographically numerous generation. I refer of course to the baby-boom expressed over this time give the appearance of an extended rites of passage drama. We all know about the sixties, the heady adolescence; followed by the sober seventies. In popular historiography this resembles an extended hangover of angst and disillusion mixed in with NOTE with interest that Sir George Young has found it necessary to write to the Guardian twice in his effort to the darkness of liberal excess.

Talkin' about my generation In the eighties, this same gen-eration, now "adult" and worldly wise, embraced the respectable selfishness of the cynical Thatcher years. Then come the ninetles and they're at it again, this time feeling the weight of accumulating res-ponsibilities. And bingo! we get family values and morality. Whatever next? Please, some-body save us from Grey Power before we find ourselves in The Decade of the Oldie. F Macgregor (aged 25). 17 Chesterton Hall Crescent. Cambridge CB4 1AW.

Romania's attack of amnesia

HE Romanian charge d'affaires, Ion Pascu, (Letters, October 26) whitewashes Romania's record towards the Jews before and during the second world war. Statutes passed in 1938 and 1940 subjected Romanian

Jews to systematic state discrimination. Jewish businesses were "Romanian-ised" and Jews were expelled from the civil service, the army, and cultural life. In January 1941, the Romanian Army presided over pogroms in Bucharest and Jassy in which over 2,500 Jews died. During the invasion of Russia, the Romanian Army assisted the SS in the massacre of 160,000 Jews in Southern Ukraine. Although the Jews of central Romania were protected from deportation to Nazi extermination centres, the government expelled

130,000 Romanian Jews from

the provinces of Bessarabia

tria where 90,000 perished dreadful conditions.
Until the Romanian authorities acknowledge this awful history there is little hope for their current policy

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vets for those whining Cats?

toward ethnic minorities. (Prof) David Cesarani. Director, Wiener Library,

Miaow

So the producers of Les Miserables have sacked half the cast? May we now look forward to the sun setting on Sunset Boulevard; the North Vietnamese Army tak-ing Saigon; Starlight Express running into the buffers and the ultimate music lovers' revenge, a one-way trip to the Nigel Linford. 12 Windermere Court East Drive. and Bukovina into Transnis- Brighton BA2 2BU.

A Country Diary

THE BURREN, IRELAND: We walked up 1,400ft in the Vosges Mountains of Alsace and down again from Hunger-platz to the valley of Andlau. We sat in the sun to eat our picnic. Near us was a fine patch of thistles and then we saw the flock of a pair of the flock of a pair of saw the flash of a pair of goldfinches, perching so lightly that the thistle-heads scarcely moved. Moreover they took not the slightest notice of us, so busy were they packing and devouring the seeds. Some days later I was startled to see in the Dominican church in Colmar city another goldfinch! I was looking at the Virgin of the Rose Bushes and there among the roses was the bird, im-mortalised by the painter, Schongauer (1473), perfect, the red facial mask distinctive. When I looked even closer I saw a great tit with its black ventral stripe and yellow eyebrows, all birds of the region, all depicted centuries

THE BURREN, IRELAND: We | before the great Audubon and other painters of the ornitho-logical scene. Later, as we walked by the Canal du Briare in Burgundy, we came upon a charm of goldfinches There must have been at least 10, again feeding off thistleheads, their leaves yellowgold, their heads drooping, heavy with black seeds. So to our Burren, where yesterday a goldfinch poised on knapweed. Behind were hawthorn trees, their berries the colour of rich burgundy while further along the hedge holly and rowan berries wore beaten to and fro by the surging wind. So I pursued the goldfinch to Keats,

"Sometimes goldfinches one by one will drop From low hung branches; little space they stop; But sip, and twitter, and their feathers sleek; Then off at once, as in

wanton freak. SARAH POYNTZ



and the Then



Matthew Norman

Today, a fortnight after the campaign began, Kenny Ball resumes his rightful place on television. He will appear live, with trumpet but without Jazzmen, at 2.30pm on Britain Talks Back, on satellite channel Granada Talk TV (that's Channel 21 for those with cable). Kenny was jubi (thar's Channel 21 for those with cable). Kenny was jubilant yesterday, generously crediting the Diary and its loyal army of readers ("It's very nice of them to write in for me, and please thank them all.") for his renaissance. "Mind you, they'll be seeing plenty of me — I've put on a bit of weight since I was last on TV. That must have been in Germany last year, then in Ireland at the Cork Jazz Festival. I think the Irish and Germans like me better than the

English." What a savage in-dictment of the British disease (build 'em up, knock 'em down) that he should be appreciated abroad but not at home. Lady Thatcher will understand how he feels. But the tide has turned. Kenny is back.

HE spirit of the Keystone Kops lives on in Hereford, where PCs Ray Bambrough and Stanley Goodin have, according to Police Magazine, made a challenge for the next Police Bravery Awards. The constables were summoned to a house in which a man had barricaded himself in a gas-filled room, while hold-ing a box of matches. Deciding on immediate action. both charged at the locked door. PC Bambrough slipped and ruptured his Achilles tendon, while PC Goodin, swinging his boot at the door, also slipped and landed on his colleague, breaking his own arm. Not great policing, perhaps, but lendid slapstick. Helmets off to the pair of you!

Barne.

THOUGH not broadcast here until De-cember, Andrew Davies's adaptation of Moli Flanders has already gone out in the States. However, the PBS network was so shocked by its raunchiness Davies managed to have Moll involved in rumpy 17 times, including a lesbian scene not included by George Elliot — that it removed all the sex, while those stations courageous enough to show the sexy version caved in on the question of actor Christopher Fulford's testicles, and blotted them out in the style of Crimewatch disguising someone's face. Mr Davies is controlling any artistic distress. "I don't really care what they do in the States," he says, "but I'm sure Chris Fulford isn't too pleased. They're notoriously funny about body parts over there. What American telly needs most is English bollocks. Tm relying on Mary Whitehouse to back me up."

BWS reaches us of a resurrection. In the Style section of last week's Sunday Times was an article about the dangers of liposuction, illustrated by a large picture of a Bra-zilian model. "Too high a price: Claudia Riz, who died following liposuction," said the caption. Is this the same Claudia Riz, we wonder, who has featured widely in the Brazilian press since leaving hospital, having come out of a coma induced by an allergy to anaes-thetic, on October 18, nine days before the Sunday Times article? It's a miracle, a miracle.

EADING New Labour activist Max Clifford calls regarding our cel-ebration of the Sun's exquisite wording on its story about the woman who alleges that Geoffrey Boycott beat her up. "Margaret, 44, made her allegations during a meeting at a London hotel with publicist Max 'Clifford,' it said with glori-ous insouciance. Max was equally amused. "It's wonderful, isn't it?" he says,
"especially because of the
coincidences." And what
were these? "Well, the waiter looked the image of Stewart Higgins, the Sun's editor, and the doorman was the absolute spit of Neil. Wallis, the deputy editor."

Nadvert in the personal column of Disability Now magaability Now maga-line grabs the eye. Trenchman, now retired." ireads, "would like to en-gage in a friendly corre-spondence with a corredence with a oneged woman. Age and nationality unimportant."

ween rich and poor.

Ilis. But this is not a social



Watch the flight of the left-arm spinner

HEN Kenneth Clarke says that Britain must keep open the option of joining the European single currency in 1999, he is commonly described as a crazy Europhile. When Tony Blair says that Britain must keep open the option of not joining the single currency in 1999, he is declared to have joined the Euro-sceptics. Although there is a nuance of difference there is a nuance of difference between these positions, de-riving from where they're coming from, it is as nothing to the vastness of the ground the two men share. Both in-sist that the future cannot be foretold, and that the formal British attitude must therefore remain unconcluded. Yet the epithets applied to them are exactly the opposite. No wonder the great British public finds it hard to warm to the obsession the political class has with economic and monetary union (EMU), or

it. It is, admittedly, a subject on which the leaders are often more interested in promoting confusion than clarity. The dissembling, as opposed to the persuading, arts of politics are much in evidence. confusion than clarity. The dissembling, as opposed to the persuading, arts of politics are much in evidence. The words spoken in public tend to be instantly, often previously qualified or destroyed. tend to be instantly, often pre-viously, qualified or doctored or somehow unclarified by words not spoken at all— that is to say, by the gloss placed upon them by unseen placed upon them by unseen paladins of spin. Keeping the

All the same, what hap-pened to an interview Robin Cook gave on Sunday took to new lengths the modern perils of the double-take, perhaps the triple-take. Mr Cook, who is already fixed as the chief sceptic in the shadow cabinet. was almost universally judged to have taken his scep-ticism further than ever. He'd said it might not be possible for sterling to enter EMU in 1999. He'd emphasised all the difficulties ahead. He'd pushed Labour sharply into the sceptic camp.
It all added up to a crucial

Cook had scored vital points in his unceasing rivalry with Gordon Brown, who is well known, we're told, for holding an entirely different position.

displeasure to see a series of sceptic headlines reinforcing perceptions of the Labour at-titude. In crude electoral terms, that will be judged thoroughly helpful. It is also important to us journalists never to be caught under-esti-mating the shadow calinette. mating the shadow cabinet's propensity for civil war. But the story was misleading, both in particular and in gen-eral. The rage to find shifts and differences distracts from

a more interesting truth.

In particular, Mr Cook, a politician blessed with the most reliable verbal dexterity in the Commons, took care to avoid saying that entry in 1999 was becoming impossi-ble. He said the Tories' economic record made conver-gence difficult to reach. He reiterated that the conse-quence for jobs would be the prime test EMU had to pass, though not as a formal post-Maastricht "criterion", only as an essential objective. It would be "a hard job, not im-possible, but a very tough job" to get Britain ready. But he said with equal strength

impeccable performance, lin-ing Labour up cheek-to-cheek on the fence with Kenneth Clarke. But saying otherwise is not

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just a travesty of the text in front of us. It is more largely misleading. If there is an anmisteating. It there is an an-tithesis between the "sceptic" Blair-Cook position and the "philic" Clarke, it is the reverse of what has been widely implied. Clarke's fence-sitting is thought to conceal a secret agenda to take Britain in. Yet in truth Clarke is far less likely than Blair ever to be able to achieve that. All the evidence suggests that the Tory party will never permit it in 1999, whereas Blair's party, though now suddenly cast as sceptic, would certainly be able to do so. If the terms were right, and if the leadership pressed the button, the critical mass of support could be assembled

Consider Cook's interview. From Labour's

John Major.

under Tony Blair in a way that is unimaginable under

supposedly leading sceptic, it was a muted performance

If you doubt this, consider the full scope of Mr Cook's interview. From Labour's sunposedly leading sceptic, it was a muted performance. At no point did he raise a single objection to EMU in principle. He had every opportunity, but failed to take it. There was no word about sovereignty, no sucking-in of breath about the dangers to democracy, no lethal mur-muring on the matter of cen-tral bankers and their lack of

exception of Mr Clarke, no Conservative politician would ever have tried to get away with it. No present minlster, even one who favoured the economic case for EMU. would be capable of giving an interview on the subject with-out ritually bowing to Parlia-ment, registering the unique-ness of the pound sterling, kissing the arse of British nationalism.

It is quite likely that, come six months in office, a Blair government will make the judgment that it wants to wait still longer to see what kind of EMU seems to be emerging.
There is plenty of talk now
about the plausibility of averring continued positive commitment to EMU, while waiting until 2001, or 2002 when the actual single currency comes into being.

In that circumstance remaining as close to the in-side of influence and argument will obviously be a continuing British priority, but one from which, pace Mr Clarke, the Tory Party's visceral phobla, win or lose, will soon have excluded it.

What we learn from the lat-est flurries is the opposite of what's been said. Decon-structing the spin, one discovers that Labour alone is capable of submerging the politics into the economics of EMU. The economics may be ambiguous, and are certainly a tough call. But cool judgment of the economic case is fatally hindered by the kind of political fundamentalism that Mr Cook, Mr Blair and Mr Brown are united in avoiding This is not a cook. avoiding. This is not a cosmetic but a fundamental difference between the parties, one of them straining all the time for distance from Europe, the other developing a mature contempt for such a fantasy. It could even become a difference big enough to justify Mr Blair asserting that the election was won, among other things, on the European

the moral crisis's roots lie deeper, in a society built on individualistic and market values that steadily cut away the bonds of solidarity, morality and trust."

The particularly harsh variant of free-market capitalthe flexible labour market.

This is in stark contrast to 40 years ago. Then, it was taken as read that the government should use demand management to create jobs, and that progressive taxation should redistribute income. The result — not just in Brit-ain but in the whole of the West — was rising real incomes, a narrowing of income differentials and a stable

hospitals and pensions.

Of course, this won't be tried Higher taxation for the rich is not on the agenda. stronger growth. On the con-trary, American growth rates were strongest when the top rate of tax was above 80 per

whether compulsory parent-ing classes, minimum sen-tences and bans on guns and

Yes, Carmen, there is some good fiction



James Wood

HETORICAL questions are phrasal boomer-angs: they may hit their senders on return. On Tues-day night, at the Booker Prize ceremony, the publisher Car-men Callil, in the middle of a complaint about certain crit-ics, asked this question: "Why ics, asked this question: "Why put up with a critical appara-tus which would like Nick Hornby's High Fidelity to be set in Chicago and written by Saul Bellow?" Should this crit-ical apparatus approach you, my advice would be to surren-der to its charms; it is difficult to imagine a nicer conversion. Callil spent much of her speech attacking those critics including this one — who have in recent years denegrated the English novel. She ar-gued that such denegration had more to do with post-imperial depression than any objective knowledge of the contemporary English novel; that American fiction had been wildly over-estimated at the expense of English fiction: and that English fiction was in "good shape".

She is broadly right. As I sne is broadly right. As I argued in this paper in July, a generation of young English critics discovered the excitements of American fiction at the very moment — the mid-1980s — that English fiction was beginning to find itself anew. Furthermore, the American fiction that seemed American fiction that seemed so exciting was not, at least for me, the newest writing. It was not the rich reduction of a Raymond Carver, but the rich inflation of older writers such as Bellow, Philip Roth, Thomas Pynchon and Eudora Welty, that seemed so alive to us. There is no doubt that against this American achievement, from about 1950 until about 1985, or against the adventures of the French nou-veau roman, English writing has looked impoverished, pa-rochial, and tinnily academic. But Callil is right when she says that praising American

writing became automatic. Of who were introduced to English readers in the early 1980s, probably only Raymond Carver will last. Meanwhile, as everyone can see. English fiction now has many talented writers working within it.

T is easy to forget the literary atmosphere of the early 1980s, when it seemed is the business of critics to say | literary."

so, even as it is the business of publishers to moisten the Frankfurt Book Fair with glistening superlatives. If, as both Callil and I agree, English lit-erature is exciting at present, it may be partly between it may be partly because some of the critics Callil complains about established a context within which such superlatives could no longer go

in it is important that the critic does not succumb to rapid local enthusiasms. The publisher's function is to sell — as Carmen Callil did admi-rably on Tuesday night; as her firm Virago did admirably over many years, rediscover-ing all kinds of neglected writ-ers; as Callil did less admira-bly two years ago in the Daily Telegraph when she called the novelist and near-pornographer Helen Zahavi a writer of "real genius".

The publisher is always, as the publisher is always, as it were, at a party, yelling out encomia; the critic's task is to measure the horizon, and see how we fit it. It is to take a longer view — Dr Johnson suggested 100 years as posterity's test. But to name only two writers of the many fine writers living in Britain, I'm cer-tain that both Amit Chaud-huri and Alan Hollinghurst will write great novels in the

Y own view was re-ordered by the experi-ence of judging the Booker Prize in 1994, where we had to choose a winner we nau to choose a winner from two fine novels, Hol-linghurst's The Folding Star, and James Kelman's How Late It Was, How Late. I do not think that we're overflowing with great writers; but it seemed to me then that a liter-ature that could produce, in one publishing year, two such books (crucially, books with real verbal excitment) did not need help from critic

In her speech, Callil appears to confuse those critics who have been less than polite about English fiction with certain writers who have recently been seen killing off the novel. Earlier this year, George Steiner suggested that fiction could not now compare with the best reportage; meanwhile, VS Naipaul has renounced writing novels.

English fiction is not threatened by rude English critics, who live within its familial hoop; it is threatened by those who do not believe in fiction. They are many, and they in-clude those publishers who would rather publish memoirs than new novels; those news papers who have turned book reviewing over to anonymous diarists; and those magazines and journals that used to run interesting new fiction and now publish "personal

It is one of criticism's tasks that Britain's intelligentsia along with praise and pa-was inordinately proud of having produced the work of all that as Keats wrote in a David Lodge, Julian Barnes letter of March 1819, we live and William Boyd. But these and work amongst "that most are not serious writers, and it | vulgar of all crowds, the

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Commentary

Hugo Young

join the fanatical scrutineers who see the earth being shaken every time a senior politician says a word about

policy options open seems to mean keeping the verbal us-ages opaque. If there is doubt about attitudes to EMU, it is because the spokesmen prefer

exercise in political position-ing. And as a sub-text, Robin

that the consequences of not going in must be reckoned as well: "There really are very serious problems for Britain staying out of the single cur-

an entirely different position. rency in the medium term if accountability to the House of I've no doubt that this veri it goes ahead." All in all, an Commons. With the possible

ism championed over the past two decades has led to the widest income distribution since records began. More than that, workers have found that the consumer society cuts both ways: they themselves are now commodities to be bought and sold in

Ironically, it would be much simpler to re-create the economic conditions of the 1950s than to turn the clock back to the social conditions of 40 years ago, when homo-sexuality was a criminal ofence, the Lord Chamberlain acted as the censor for the theatre and the death penalty was still in operation.

Inflation is low, there is huge, untapped demand in the former communist nations and the developing nations of south Asia, the tax system is ripe for reform. Eco-nomic policy could and should be more expansionary, while the rich ought to be taxed far more heavily to fund public works schemes and what was once called the social wage - better schools,

because as we have been told countless times over the past two decades, it is bad for the economy and bad, ultimately, for the poor themselves. This is utter cant, but shows what happens when a church of awfully rich people control not only the political estab-lishment but the mass media as well. There is absolutely no evidence, even in the United States, that cutting taxes, on wealthy corporations, leads to higher investment or

It's a nice idea that cutting taxes for the rich makes everybody better off by un-leashing a new wave of entrepreneurial activity. But in reality, all it has done is make a lot of rich people a whole lot richer and left a hole in the finances that has had to be filled either by raising taxes on the less well-off or by borrowing at damagingly-high rates of interest. Ultimately, the question is

knives can fill the gap where economic policy used to be. Some of these reforms might be desirable; some may have a limited impact. But the experience of the US, where the recovery on the room is alcrackdown on the poor is al-ready well advanced, suggests otherwise. Having "solved" the unemployment problem by banging up two per cent of the male population, the rich in America are barricading themselves into mediaeval-style walled fortresses. Do we really ment to me down the really want to go down the same route here?

Royal Variety per-formance, the days when John Lennon felt able to poke gentle fun at the Queen, there has some merit. Crime has doubled since the 1970s, alhas been a deep yearning in cal fence. most half of new marriages Britain for a return to the end in divorce, there is a pectful 1950s. Those were hardcore of disruptive pupils who do not want to learn. Once, politicians would have the last days of glory, when a British-led team made it first to the top of Everest, Jim Laker took 19 wickets at Old looked for an economic Trafford to dish the Aussies and Stanley Matthews won the cup for Blackpool.

Now it looks as if the 1950s answer to these problems. However, the main political parties make only a token bacle of Black Wednesday. someone on income support show of disagreeing on the But what is different this time or poverty wages on how they are coming back or rather, one bit of the 1950s. What we are not getting is the full employment, the progressive tion of an interventionist state to use active welfare

VER since the 1963 | containment — a cheap way | Politicans have to argue | parents to teach their chil-Royal Variety per- of coping with the middle about something, so the emer- dren the difference between gence of an economic consenclass fear that a burgeoning sus has left a space that is 'underclass" is out of control. The underlying analysis now being filled by moral pos-turing and naked populism from both sides of the politi-Some of the signs of a 1950s

We are back with the worst of 40 years ago, argues Larry Elliott: authoritarian policy

backed by the threat of punishment, but without the underpinning of a just economy

Back to the 1950s

revival were implicit in the abortive Back-to-Basics campaign of three years ago, when the Government attempted to reassert its authority after the economic dé-

calls for the ideal family unit to be made up of one male breadwinner and a wife who stays at home to care for the children. Just like the 1950s. The good thing about this strategy is that it is cheap. Delivering little homilies to

The ideal family unit will be made up of one male breadwinner and a wife who stays at home to care for the children

policies to reduce the gap be-What we are being offered is social authoritarin VAT on fuel and power, Mr Brown had a dig back at the Chancellor's decision to raise ianism; a crackdown on law and order and discipline in schools a willingness to tell people how they should con-duct their relationships and base rates. But, at root there is no real challenge to the economic orthodoxy of the economic orthodoxy of the post-Keynesian era—controlling inflation as the ultimate goal of policy, low taxation, an almost religious beliaf in market forces and the inevitability of global free trade.

Labour's disavowal of its interventionist and redistributive past has left a vacuum. bring up their children.
This combination of the free market economics of the 1980s and the social policy of the 1950s is being sold as a cure-all solution to society's policy, nor even a moral policy. It is a policy of cut-price

So while the first phase of the campaign in education was the seemingly non-controversial lionisation of the Three Rs and the demonising of "trendy teachers", the de-bate has now moved on to the desirability of restoring those other symbols of the fifties — grammar schools and corpo-

ral punishment. Similarly, women should be aware that the emphasis on family values and the need for puts it in his new book: "Its

not a hope in hell of solving the problem of the breakdown in civil society. Stand back a second from

dren the difference between right and wrong is by no

means the whole agenda. There will be pressure for tougher laws on abortion, and

before long almost certainly

the sense of moral panic that the politicians have stirred up, and what we see is not the inheritance of the nermissive society but the inevitable consequence of an economic system built around exclusion, alienation and greed. As the American writer EJ Dionne

economy. Kenneth Clarke is that Labour's adoption of a should live their lives costs the better-off nothing. The bar thing about this Back-to-the Future scenario is that it

Motifs of a continent

painter and sculptor Lin Onus, who has died aged 47, unfurled a banner he had recently recovered, which had belonged to one of the first Aboriginal rights organisations, the Australian Aborigines League. The banner had been made by his father, Bill Onus, in the 1930s.

It was Lin Onus who earlier this year brought to public attention the contested but now established fact that the Aboriginal community — just 1.7 per cent of Australia's pop-ulation — provides about half of Australia's visual artists and about half the visual arts income. A member of the Ab-original Arts Board of the Australia Council (the equivalent of the British Council)

T A barbecue on was a member of the Yorta which was then decorated by the terrace of his Yorta community, who are studio in Mel-currently fighting a claim for Tiriki. on the Barmah Forest on the Murray River in south-eastern Australia. Lin's family has included numerous heroes of the struggle for Aboriginal rights. The present Yorta Yorta land claim is op-posed by nearly 500 non-Aboriginal groups and individ-uals, including government authorities, law firms, farmers and mining companies.

Despite growing up within a few miles of each other. first met Lin in Scotland, his mother's birthplace, when he My Family exhibition of Aboriginal art to Europe. Shown at Glasgow's Third Eye Centre and at galleries in Sheffield and Swansea. Tagari Lia was the first international arts festival organised

artist, who travelled widely, developing his skills and in-volving himself in both arts and Aboriginal rights issues. many awards for his work. His painting of radical Aboriginal activist and friend, Gary Foley, was a finalist in the 1995 Archibald Prize for

recent paintings — Austra-lian landscapes portraying in-digenous fauna hidden among rocks and in the scrub and bourne in September last matic combination of West ern surrealism and Aborigistatement about the Australia

He won the national Ab-original art award in 1988, the



nity service award for cultural achievement in 1991, the prestigious RAKA award for from Melbourne University in 1993 and the national Ab-

original heritage award in 1995. He was awarded the member of the Order of Australia award in the 1993 Queen's Birthday list. It is similar in rank to an OBE.

to die 17 years younger than non-Aboriginal Australians. Australia's Minister for important visual artists", and

came on the day that a report ston, said he was saddened to was published showing that Aboriginal people were likely nent Australian artist. Sena-

cant contribution to Austra-

Edward Wilson writes: St

Aloysious College, Highgate, has been the base for National Youth Theatre courses and

ears. Apart from the great

7) and his wife Kitty showed to

NYT members, even provid-

they both lavished on the fos-ter children put in their

pathology and treatment of sex-

Pioneer for Britain in the new Europe

government, and, later, in coming to the diplomat Sir Roderick Barclay, who has died aged to bridge changing times. Educated at Harrow and

he joined the diplomatic service in 1932 and started his diplomatic career in Brussels. France - returning by detory — and was then posted to and I'm their general secre-Washington. He ended his career as ambassador to Den-mark (1956-60), and to Bel-Roberts in 1949 as principal

greeted with some apprehension in the Foreign Office. Although in 1941 Anthony als for broadening the depart-ment's intake, influential leftwing voices were pressing for it to be purged of what they considered to be effete upperclass reactionaries and for abandon centuries of untram-

ITH the 1845 elec-tion of the Labour more sympathetic to Labour's new world. The officials' apprehensions were not soothed secretary in 1945 of a tough trade union leader, unashamknown in Whitehall for his

In fact Ernest Bevin developed a strong loyalty to his department and they to him. Sending one ambassador off to his post, Bevin remarked, "You wouldn't be my choice. But you're the union's choice private secretary, played a valuable part, he was hard working, loyal and discreet, developing, like many Foreign Office officials, a considerable affection for Ernest Bevin.

On the European issue, no diplomat - or politician thought it conceivable that the United Kingdom could

broil itself in some continental grouping. Those born before the first world war found it difficult to merge with countries across the Channel, all of which, only a few years

In 1961 Prime Minister Harsions with the then European Economic Community about British membership. Edward Heath was appointed leader of the British team and Barclay, was appointed a member. He was in a new world of trade complexities, tariff quotas, Commonwealth preference. EEC financing and agricul-tural support. He was not the only senior official who had to ensure that the delegation's approach took account of the but he had to convince his went on to defend the cause of their departments with con-siderable talent. Barclay tack-



meticulously, courteously and unflappably, and became the European political adviser of the team but its gen-

eral manager.
The negotiations failed be-cause of President de Gaulle's the ability of the negotiating team. In that and in the tranexclusively concerned with political issues to one which grappled successfully with economic issues, Sir Roderick Barclay played a notable pioneering role.

He married in 1934 Jean Gladstone, who died earlier this year. They had a son and

Sir Roderick Barclay, diplomat, born February 22, 1909; died Ocled his task, as he always did, tober 24, 1996

Abdelhamid Benhadugah

Writing after dawn in Algeria

HE most recurrent images in the novels of the Algerian writer Abhas died aged 70, are of sun-rise, daybreak, the soft, fresh relief of the breeze at dawn. He is best known for Rih al-janub (The Wind from the South), which when published in 1971, was the first major Arabic novel from independent Algeria. He also worked in broadcasting and, in a mirespected for his tolerance and diversity.

Algeria's colonial history fostered an association between the Arabic language and tradition, and French and modernity. Benbadugah rejected such oppositions; he strove for modernity through the medium of Arabic, and his yearning for social change was tempered by the belief that it could not be achieved at the expense of cultural heri-

eastern Algeria, and the moun-tain village where he grew up was to feature in his writing After primary education — in French — he continued his education in Constantine before studying radio production in Marsellles. He then studied Arabic literature at the Islamic university of Zaytuna in Tunis. During two years in France he wrote for French radio and the BBC, but in 1955 returned to Tunis intent on using his pen to further the Algerian cause. With indepen-dence in 1962 he took up a broadcasting job in Algiers and spent the rest of his life in

Algeria.
Two concerns recurred in his work; the desire of young people to move society beyond imitations imposed by tradition, and women's struggle for emancipation. Set against the background of impending agrarian reform The Wind from the South follows a stu-

He was born in Mansura in dent resisting an arranged tory, and was motivated by the belief that current probation village where he grew up quaintance with a shepherd lems are rooted in past experience. Benhadugah's experience. of a big landowner claiming allegiance to the national cause. The novel is a cry for change and a caution against individual revolt; change must embrace community rather than cut against the bonds which give meaning to

social relations.
Through the 1970s Benhadugah's writing charted post-independence Algeria from reconciliation to the tensions experienced by urban youth. He added to his theme of generational conflict a critique of religious hypocrisy in Morning Becomes Clear. Such themes are lent a mythical dimension in Jaziyah and the Dervishes, which marked a move away from realism to a more complex structuring of narrative. His 1992 novel Tomorrow is a New Day ex-plored Algeria's colonial his-

mentation with different literary styles, while less dramatic than that of some of his contemporaries, indicated his commitment to Arabic as a flexible literary language.

Benhadugah avoided public-ity and controversy, and while identity, he was not prescriptive. His writing combines a deep sympathy for characters and a critique of the society which holds back their ambitions for dignity and choice. Death and disaster are never far away, and yet his belief in youth as a force for change underlay an enduring, gentle

Debble Cox

Abdelhamid Benhadugah, novelist, born January 9, 1925; died October 21, 1998

Beyond blue water

Admiral Sir Anthony Griffin

riers, or "through-deck cruis found it extremely difficult to win the Falklands war. The decision to build the ships was largely that of Admiral Sir Anthony Griffin, who has

Griffin swam gallantly against the ebbing tide of Britain's maritime interests. As naval secretary in the mid-1960s he was a key figure in abandoning large aircraft-carriers, which could not be afforded in the nuclear-sub-marine age. In his double term as controller of the Royal Navy in the early 1970s, he oversaw the conversion of fleet into a North Atlantic anti-submarine and anti-airlargely responsible for the shape of today's surface fleet. Griffin was born in Peshawar and entered the RN colaged 14. Four years later in 1939 he joined his first ship, the cruiser Gloucester. After raiders in the Indian Ocean. the ship sailed to the Mediterranean in summer 1940 and

Atlantic, and a longer tour in lege at Dartmouth as a cadet | second "mention". was badly damaged by a bomb. Later, en route to join a destroyer in Cape Town, the merchantman on which he was sailing was sunk by a German commerce-raider off the West African coast. Griffin's lifeboat with 57 survivors was picked up by a Brit-ish freighter and taken to Uruguay. From there he took a ship for Gibraltar where he

ITHOUT HMS In- joined the destroyer Fury, vincible, one of the which in July 1942 joined the 17 to Murmansk in Russia. A rumour that the battle ship Tirpits was at sea led the Admiralty to disperse the convoy instead of leaving the the spot. U-boats and the Luftwaffe were thus free to

> A month later the Fury was back in the Mediterranean, on Operation Pedestal, an other convoy engagement. This managed to bring five out of 14 vessels to Malta with vital supplies, including oil. Mentioned in dispatches Griffin was sent to the new destroyer Talybont as first transatiantic convoy escorts the most important strategic struggle of the war against Germany. In 1943 Griffin, by now a navigation specialist, transferred to carriers in the

> the Far East, where he won a radar and signals and as a commander he was aboard the aircraft carrier Eagle and took part in the spectacular but politically catastrophic 1966 Suez expedition. As a captain from that year, he commanded a support-ship and 16 minesweepers based first in Malta, running patrols off rebellious Cyprus, and then in Singapore, during "confrontation" with Indonesia. His last seaborne com-

> mand before becoming rearadmiral in 1966 was on the Eagle's sister ship Ark Royal. He was naval secretary

when the Labour government decided against a new generation of these large carriers. Too much of a stretched de-fence budget was being spent on nuclear submarines and the Polaris programme.

fin's acquisition of two hats at once, as operational flag offi-cer, Plymouth, and administrative admiral superinten dent of the local dockyard. He showed his sense of humour by writing memoranda to himself. As controller from 1971, Griffin was responsible his tenure that the navy got the long-serving Type 21 frig-ate and Type 42 guided-mis-sile destroyer and took a key role in Nato's maritime defence. It was as a member of the future fleet working party that the through-deck cruiser decision was made.

Griffin made himself expert in every detail of modern warship production and with a knighthood and the struction made him a natural choice as chairman of the na-

tionalised British Shipbuilding Corporation. It was no fault of his that it was unable to halt the steep decline of the industry amid fierce competition and a worldwide slump in construction. The company was denationalised in 1980 and the industry all but died in Britain thereafter. The admiral reached 60 in that year, which did not deter him from trying, albeit in vain, to save a man from drowning in the Thames. He received a Royal

Humane Society award.

Nor did the inexorable British retreat from the sea, an eccentric default on the part of an island-nation, deter him from becoming founder-chairman of the British Maritime League from 1982-7. But the waning of the Royal and Merchant navies and of British ship construction could not be arrested, even after the Falklands War of 1982.

Griffin also served as chair-man of the Royal Institute of Naval Architects from 1981-4 and of the governors of Wellington School. His wife, Rosemary, whom he married in 1943, and their two sons and one daughter, survive him.

Dan Van Der Vat Admiral Sir Anthony Griffin sailor, born November 24, 1920; died October 16, 1996

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crowding round and offering

Roll-up fags: Puff on a wet dog-end, leave it lying around, light it later, puff some more. Unlike straight fags, which contain chemicals that make it burn even when it is removed from the mouth. unattended roll ups tend to extinguish themselves, mak-

Noise pollution officers: Ah ... the arch hypocrites. More than delighted to break up your party at 11pm on the dot: We've had complaints from neighbours" (next door is a retirement home for deaf swingers) "and passing traffic" (you live in a cul-de-sac). they all catch cabs home to 200 watt sound systems in their bedrooms, whereupon they "drop it heavy Selector . . ."

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The celestial church of annoying bastards, Finchley Road: A bunch of effluent evangelists who accost you when most vulnerable (ie. pop ping down the newsagents for lags) and though you politely

Key figure in shaping the Navy's fleet . . . Griffin

you out for Jesus. Filter-tips: Sleek, white and mass produced, filter-tips are a modernist aberration in the long history of smoking. Be-cause you can just pick them up and light them, the filtertips erase the contemplative side to smoking.

Notes from the couch in the November issue of the Idler. Robbie rules

IT HAS long been the opinion of Post-Everything that Dean Gaffney who plays Robbie in Eastenders, is something of an icon. Despite the obvious advantages of bad skin, bad hair and bad looks in an age of Martini beauty and facial surgery he has risen phoenix-like from the ashes

of ugliness. Almost completely by accident he has come to espouse the values and attitudes of our generation. If we are looking for a youth president, we could do ar worse than to choose Robbie as our leader. His rise to prominence in

Eastenders, and the first real sense he was headed for greatness, came with his first love. Nobody ever said love was going to be easy and



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Robbie — let's face it — has been through hell for Wel-lard, his trusty hound, able companion and probably best friend after the debacle with Tony. What Robbie has shown, is that in a world where your "best mate" is usually a stranger in the middle of the dance floor at five in the morning offering you a bottle of poppers, true friendship and loyalty really mean something. In Robbie and Wellard's relationship

we have a vision of perfection that others (especially those who are related to, or want to become related to, anyone with the second name of Windsor) would do well to mirror. Their partnership is based on trust, friendship and mutual respect, and they have benefitted immensely. I believe, from cohabiting, rather than jumping head-

long into a marriage which neither of them are entirely sure. Though others may try and convince you otherwise, it is fairly clear to Post-Everything that Robbie's job at the pizza place is no mere plot

plex, dramatic representa-Youth culture has become fragmented of late, and has sity of pizza buts, lands and slices that exist. Post modern life itself is being served up like pizza, slice after slice, each catering for a small and specific segment of society. In 1996 you have any toppings on any base, depending on

what you like.
Robbie was, of course, the
man on the moped, a motif
and a role model if ever there was one for pro-mo values. Just as he delivered pizzas to homes, so he delivered postmodernism into the front rooms of a nation. Obvious, really, when you think about

Robble as the epitome of postmodernism. Justin Gibbons in

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and singer, 49; Barbara Bel Geddes, actress, 74; Eddle Chariton, snocker player, 67; Michael Collins, former astronaut, 66; Dick Francis, novelist, 76; Lee Grant, actress, rank of full admiral in 1975. 67; Lord Hardings of Penshurst, publisher and editor, 75; Alastair Hetherington. former editor, the Guardian, 77; Illinois Jacquet, jazz saxophonist 74; HRF Keating, crime novelist, 70; Charles Moore, editor, the Daily Tele graph, 40; Brendan Mullin, rugby player, 33; Sir Jimmy Savile, charity fundraiser, 70; Prof Avi Shlaim, historian of the Middle East, 51; Norodom Sihanouk, King of Cambodia. 74; Lady Wilcox, chairman, National Consumer Council;

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City cheers, industry fears Matter of political Clarke rates rise ambush

Ploy 'threatens to snuff out recovery'

yesterday's inter-est rate rise as a "gutsy" pre-emp-tive strike against spiralling to new highs on the breign exchanges. With the Square Mile unan-

imously expecting the Chan-cellor, Kenneth Clarke, to brush off Bank of England requests for monetary tightening, analysts said the element of surprise had enor-mously increased the impact

John Sheppard, chief econo-mist at brokers Yamaichi, said: 'This is a gutsy move. Mr Clarke has adopted Bundesbank-style ambush least expects it and you get maximum reaction."

By the close of trading, sterling had risen by three pien-nigs against the German currency at DM2.4636, and by

Market-watchers said the 0.25 per cent rates rise to 6 per cent had fuelled an already strengthening pound, but warned that sterling's new-found heights would hit ex-

poriers by pushing up price isgs on goods sold abroad.
"In the short term the stronger pound is bad news for industry," said David Coleman, UK economist at the Canadian Imperial Bank ing up anyway, this just bushed it along." history leaders lined up to

criticise Mr Clarke's decision io inpose dearer borrowing, which they said threatened the fragile manufacturing

merce, said: "We are very werried this may shuff out manufacturing and compa-nes' investment plans. Ex-touch won't be enough to stop

hit as their competitiveness

the impact of dearer money on plans to borrow for expan-sion as the leading high street banks immediately jacked up their lending rates.

Describing the rise as "ex-tremely bad news", Federation of Small Businesses spokesman Stephen Alambritis said Britain's minnow companies would pay an ex-tra £100 million a year to ser-vice their overdraft facilities. "It is a retrograde step for small businesses which have, in any case, been very late in

taking advantage of consumer recovery," he said. The Confederation of Brit-Ish Industry said the increase had taken boardrooms by surdued price pressures — and warned the Chancellor not to

for big tax hand-outs in next month's Budget.
"It is vital Mr Clarke follows this move with a very prudent Budget to reduce the need for further upward moves," a CBI spokesman

use the decision as an excuse

City analysts were divided over whether yesterday's policy tightening marked the be hase rate rises - or was sim ply an attempt to cut the risk of a politically damaging increese nearer to polling day. Gits rose sharply after the

but then eased back during the afternoon as markets future tightening.
Mr Coleman said the deci-

sion meant that further increases were off the agenda. 'Mr Clarke is in damage-limithe fragile manufacturing move designed to get Eddie recovery.

In Pletcher, economist at Bank of England, off his back," he said. But Mr Sheppard said the

Chancellor was ready to tight-en again. This is a classic porters in particular will be us crashing into a brick wall."



Kenneth Clarke on his way to Milibank TV studios to explain his 'gutsy' move

Chancellor at odds with advisers

PHOTOGRAPH: FIONA HANSON

was "more likely than not"

that Mr Clarke would miss his target. He cut rates

again anyway in June. Mr Clarke admitted yes-

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ENNETH Clarke ig-nored the advice of most of his indepen-dent economic advisers that base rates should be kept on hold, it emerged last night as they registered shock at the increase.

The conflict between the Chancellor and his six panelists will be disclosed tomorrow when their regu-lar report — which went to press as the rise was an-nounced—is published. Professor Patrick Min-ford, of Liverpool Universi-ty, said: "It is a serious mistake which could threaten

able argument which per-suaded the Chancellor, but

I am quite surprised." The lone voice in favour of higher rates has belonged to Tim Congdon, of Lombard Street Research. but even he said: "I am a bit

surprised because there is an election coming up." Mr Clarke has won a reputation for bucking expert advice through his disagreements with Eddie George. Since the last rise in rates in February 1995. the recovery."

Kate Barker, CBI chief Mr Clarke has withstood economist, said: "It is surprising. Short-term infla- Bank of England governor Source: Advertising Tracking Study

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However, things soured when Whitbread passed day-to-day management of the concern to a three-man team led by its managing director.

Steve Philpott.

Steve Philpott.
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sonality between entrepre-neurs that set up businesses, and the big company manage-

ments that buy them, are not

Apart from his tennis activities, Mr Lloyd recently became a non-executive director of Clubhaus, which runs golf

of Clubnaus, which runs got clubs and courses across Europe. It is believed Mr Lloyd may help diversify its activities into other areas of

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the leisure market.

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Pru insists it's working hard to make pensions redress

Richard Miles

PRUDENTIAL, the UK's largest life insurance company, yesterday defended its poor record on redress for in a secret report by the Personal Investment Authority.

The report, revealed by the Guardian three weeks ago, Guardian three weeks ago, shows less than £27 million has

billion. The report shows the Pru-dential has completed 10 assess-ments out of 41,000 priority cases and names 25 other com-

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Mark Milner

F THE Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, has to vacate num-ber 11 Downing Street after consider sending his curricu-lum vita to the Bundesbank. Yesterday's decision to raise interest rates by a quarter point caught markets and commentators on the hop in the way so beloved of the German central bank. Indeed, Mr Clarke's com-

ments as to why he decided on a base rate hike — "firm grip on inflation ... sustain this well into the future" — might have been penned by the Bundesbank council at its most austere.

The only snag is that the governor of the Bank of England, Eddie George, argued against the last cut in rates (in June) and has subsequently argued that they should say without they should go up — without, until yesterday, any success. Sud-denly, Mr Clarks is a convert. The Chancellor would no doubt argue, correctly, that

the decision on the timing of a rate rise was a matter of fine judgment. The Bank has been insistent on the lurking dan-gers of inflation but the economic data, though perhaps more worrying of late, has hardly been overwhelming --not least because the strength of the pound could be invoked

to incipient price pressures.
Indeed, the whole interest rate debate has been conducted more in terms of a preemptive strike, rather than as a response to an existing problem. City analysis and commentators have been divided over the question of whether or not rates needed to rise on economic grounds, though they were much closer to unanimity on the politi-Here is the rub. The suspi-

cion lingers that the fine judg-ment involved in yesterday's decision owed something to politics as well as, to be fair to Mr Clarke, to economic ones. It is not too hard to construct a case for suggesting that yes-terday's meeting with the governor was the final realistionary pressures are relatively weak and manufacturing is still fragile."

Bridget Rowe, director of Business Strategies, said: "Perhaps Eddie George produced some unanswerproduced some unanswerpro re-emerged in May.
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Clarke's last chance. The next in the regular series of meet-ings between Chancellor and governor is scheduled for De-

cember 11.

Mr Clarke is astute; even if he were not his advisers would be quick to warn him of the Scrooge headlines of the Scrooge headlines terday that he and Mr he were not his advisers George argued over the would be quick to warn him timing of a rise during the of the Scrooge headlines

But why move rates at all if it involves political risk? Mr Clarke says he has been per-suaded by the latest GDP and retail sales data, the housing market recovery and survey evidence that the economy is experiencing a broad pick up in activity and therefore needed to act. That is fair enough. Nor should the strong sterling argument be overstated. A fair bit of the pound's progress might well prove to be froth, rather than

fundamental strength. A cynic might add, how-ever, that Mr Clarke may be calculating that the improve-ment in the feel-good factor concomitant with the recovery is strong enough to sus-tain the impact of a rate rise. Thus, the Chancellor is of-fered the chance to be economically responsible with-out hitting his party's electoral prospects.

It could even improve them. Think for a moment of tax cuts. The economy has taken the back seat in the political debate of late. The Queen's speech focused on areas like education, crime, health care and social security fraud where the Conservatives believe they can establish clear

differences with Labour.
It is not so long ago, however, that Tory backbenchers were arguing that only tax cuts (and plenty of them) could win them next spring's election. Come Budget Day Mr Clarke to deliver. The Chancellor himself has

been at pains to talk down expectations but there may be a sense that in doing so he will increase the impact of any fis-cal loosening he feels able to deliver. Having primed the voters not to expect too much (so they will be more pleasantly surprised by anything he has to offer) Mr Clarke also has to reassure the Unancial markets that he is not overdoing the generosity. What better way then to surprise them with a pre-Budget rate hike they had believed had been excluded from his agenda by political consider-

If that was Mr Clarke's in l tent, he has succeeded brilliantly. The pound soared on the foreign exchanges, analysts talked glowingly of Mr Clarke's enhanced credibility. More to the (political) point, building societies have made it clear they do not see the quarter point hike as reason to push up mortgage rates. There has been a downside.

Big bits of British industry, not least exporters, are un-likely to be thrilled by the combination of dearer bor-rowing and an even dearer pound. The British Chambers of Commerce expressed con-cern, the Confederation of British Industry expressed surprise, though the Institute of Directors raised an anti-in-

summer. "I've agreed with
Eddie this morning because
we both agree that the time
has come to make sure this
recovery continues at a
proper level — that it
doesn't get brought to a
halt by inflation in 18
months, two year's time."

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governor would be less
cheery if yesterday's rate
hike is more than offset by
fiscal relaxation. Then again
Mr Clarke might just reckon
credibility is electorally better than tax cuts big enough
to be attacked as bribes. A
fine judgment, indeed.

David Lloyd leaves Whitbread

AVID LLOYD, Brit-ain's Davis Cup tennis coach, parted company with Whitbread yesterday just 14 months after Mr Lloyd fold his leisure business to the brewing and hotels group for £200 million and agreed to

help run it.
The separation follows a ferce battle over the running of the business between Mr Lloyd and Whitbread's chief carcutive, Peter Jarvis. Whitbread is thought to have reprinted Mr Lloyd about his

Although Whitbread tried to put the best gloss on the break-np, close colleagues of Mr Lloyd said the move had been inevitable, adding that there had been a rift between

In a statement, Whitbread said Mr Lloyd would be con-centrating on new business ventures in Australia and

ment to Britain's Davis Cup team. It is understood that Mr and am sorry that we must business.

However, things soured Lloyd, who was on a three year rolling contract, earning a reported £240,000 last year, will not receive any compensation.

Mr Jarvis added: "David When he sold his fitness when he sold his fitness when he sold his fitness."

compensation. Mr Jarvis added: "David Lloyd Leisure has prospered under our ownership and David's chairmanship, and I am confident that it will continue to develop successfully. deal — agreed to remain with "On a personal note, I shall Whitbread as chairman and

and leisure empire to Whit-bread, in September last year, Mr Lloyd — who made an es-timated 230 million from the A former colleague of Mr Lloyd said last night that the news came as no surprise.
He added: "David wanted to run the business one way, while Whithread wanted to develon it and put is Whit.



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panies as offenders, including Co-operative Insurance, Pearl Assurance, Legal & General

A Pru spokesman claimed yesterday that the report its poor record on redress for underestimated the efforts of victims of personal pensions mis-selling after it was revealed as the worst offender are working as hard as possible

shows less than 227 million has been offered in compensation to people who left company pension schemes. The total redress bill is estimated at 22 frustrated because not all pension schemes are able to give sion schemes are able to give us the costs of reinstatement to their schemes," said the com-pany. There were 8,000 infor-mation requests outstanding.

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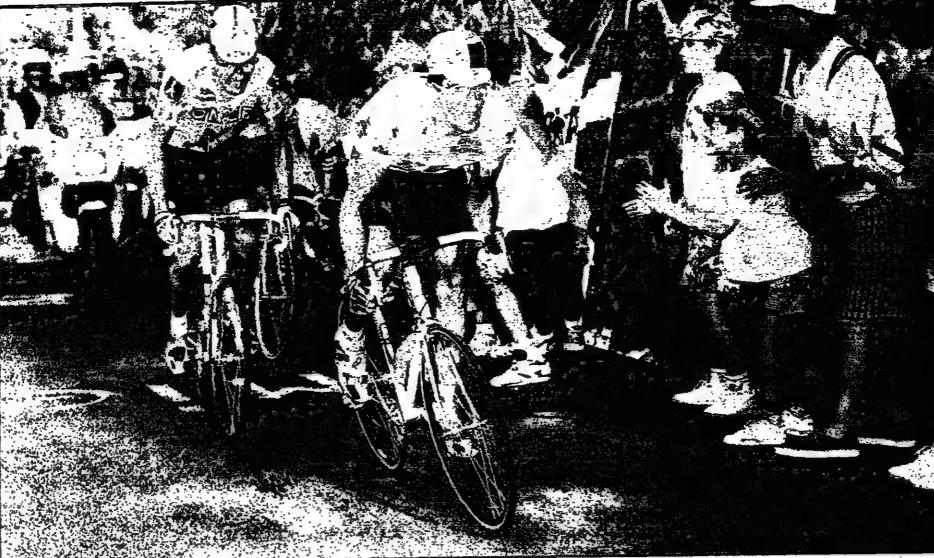
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If the hat fits . . . Indurain shows the way, right, to his ONCE rival Alex Zülle who, above, models the team logo

Indurain gets push towards his ONCE rival for £5 million

William Fotheringham on one team's offer and another's hesitation which are leading to confusion over Spain's hottest property



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INCE 1991 Miguel Indurain has watched the unveiling of the next year's Tour de France route in Paris. He would mumble the same genial benalities about the mix of mountain and time-trial stages before flying back to Spain to begin his build-up to the

Last Friday, when the 1997 race was revealed, the man who has won the Tour five times in the past six years was at home in Navarre. Most of the questions were directed at the managers of the two Spanish teams competing to have him under their command in next year's race.

indurain's absence perfectly symbolised the confusion over the future of the world's richest and in terms of the Tour at least — most successful cyclist.

retirement; remaining with his current team, sponsored by the Banesto bank; or moving to ONCE, Banesto's rivals, sponsored by Spain's national organisation for the blind, which has a £2.5 billion turnover from over 30 businesses. A decision is expected in the next few days.

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Before this year the notion that Indurain could ever move from Banesto was unthinkable. His close relations with the two team managers, Jose-Miguel Echavarri and Eusebio Unzue, began before he joined in 1985. They nurtured him as a gawky adolescent farmer's boy: he has never ridden for anyone else.

Among his closest confidants are the team masseur and mechanic and a core of team-mates, including his brother Prudencio.

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However, early in September word leaked out that Banesto were to hire the man Spain expects to be the next Indurain: the 1995 world champion Abraham Olano. Indurain was not consulted. It was a clear vote of no confidence after his disastrous Tour this year, and came shortly after Echavarri and Unzue dragooned him into riding the Tour of Spain. It was no sur-

prise when he quit that.

These shenanigans followed a year of conflict between Banesto's management and Indurain's trainer Sabino Padilla. After six years's service Padilla was sacked at the end of 1995 and became trainer

to Arhletic Bilbao, but he durain took him back on board, at his own expense, during this year's Tour though it was a week before Padilla was allowed to at at the team's dinner table.

Two weeks ago inducation and Padilla had a well publicised "secret" meeting with ONCE's manager Manolo Saiz and a detailed examination by Padilla showed his fitness was as good as ever. "He said he can do one more year if he is completely motivated," said Saiz. "His only aim is to do a good Tour de France. He doesn't need more money, and his popularity is assured."

But ONCE are rumoured to have put 25 million on the table, equal to the whole team's current annual budget. Saiz has said in the past: "We are the best team in the world but, no matter what we win, if Indurain has his cirradio stolen, that would be the lead story in the papers." Banesto's publicity campaigns using Indurain have brought at least 250 million in new deposits and 14,000 new accounts.

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ONCE's success in recent years has come from non-spanish riders such as the Frenchman Laurent Jalabert and Switzerland's Alex-Zülle, with whom they have won the last two Tours of Spain. This has led to their being nicknamed the Organisation Nacionals des-Corredores Estrunjeros—

Finally the rivalry between Banesto and ONCE rons way beyond Indurain. Echavarri is an ex-professional of the old school. Saiz a youthful graduate who never raced at a high level. There is an undercurrent of resentment against the resources behind his team, the richest in professional racing, and Banesto were outraged a year ago when Saiz hired their world junior champion Miguel Morras and two of Indurain's top domestiques.

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Prodencio, from whom indurain is virtually inseparable, confirmed Banesto have not renewed his contract.

Last Friday Echavarri was talking of placing Olano in the first three next year, as if Indurain's departure was a given. "Olano will follow him but he is no substitute. The fact that he is not here is experimentally."

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Cycling's most famous
farmer's boy seems to be
heading for pastures new.

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Steelers have mettle fatigue

Vic Batchelder

SHEFFIELD Steelers have fitness doubts over their defencemen Rob Wilson and Mike O'Connor for tonight's second leg of the Benson & Hedges Cup semi-final at Nottingham in which they trail 3-2. Steelers are already minus a third defencemen, Jamie van der Horst.

Meanwhile the Leeds Unlted owner Caspian Holdings and Chris Wright's Chrysalis company are among the bidders for the Steelers, who are for sale at 24 million. Chrysalis owns Queens Park Rangers, Wasps rugby club and the Sheffield Sharks basketball team. Caspian has plans for an Indoor arena in

Manchester's Nynex Arena could be the venue for next September's Super Cup, intended by the international federation as a climax to the European league's first season. It will involve the winners of the league and the European Cup plus an NHL club from North America.

Snooker

O'Sullivan exposes Gulf

Clive Everton

THE gulf between the game's senior nations and those making their way in the sport was emphasised by England's 3-1 win over the United Arab Emirates in their opening Group C match in the Castrol Honda World Cup in Bangkok yesterday.

Ronnie O'Sullivan made

Ronnie O'Sullivan made 127, the highest break of the tournament so far, and the world No. 5 Nigel Bond lost to Masood Akil to give the UAE their moment of glory.

China's trio caused the first

Group C upset by beating the hosts, James Waltana's Thalland, 5-4, Peng Wei Guo winning each of his three frames.

The UAE's new national coach, the twice United Kingdom champion Doug Mountjoy, says his team are here

joy, says his team are here primarily to learn.
"I'm absolutely loving it," said the Welsh veteran of his challenge in the Emirates, all the more so since the climate is ideal for his health. Mountioy had a lung removed 30

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LAN WELLS has been sacked as Sussex cap-tain and replaced by the wicketkeeper-batsman Peter Moores. The 35-year-old Wells was given the news when he returned from holiday in Barbados this week:
The timing of the decision
is significant. Under Test and

county Cricket Board rules egoroach players from other counties, without permission, and October 31. Essex were the to talk to the all-rounder panny Law today and lan Salisbury and Martin Speight

are wanted by Surrey and furtham respectively.

The decision to appoint the popular Moores has been made in an attempt to keep the side together but they their premier batsman. He said last night: "The

way Sussex have handled the whole affair has left me with a very bitter taste in my mouth. They have treated me with a lack of respect. I don't know what my future holds but I'm sure I've got another five or six years left at the top level and, if the phone rings, I'll be all ears."

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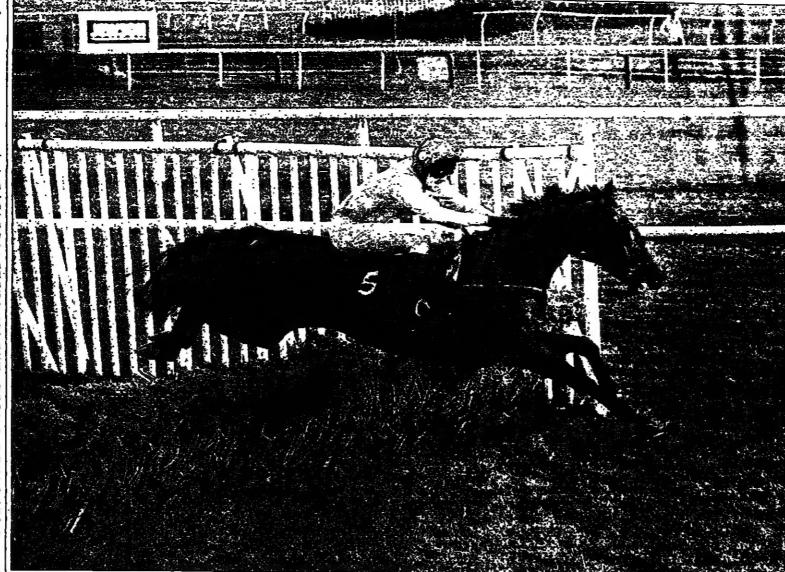
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Wells was a limited captain, despite his success with the England A side in India two years ago. He was appointed in 1992 but failed to end the club's unhappy penchant for under-achievement. They reached the NatWest Trophy final in 1993 but Wells's tac-tics were blamed when they lost to Warwickshire, despite batting first and scoring 321 for six.

Wells, who was out first bell on his solitary Test ap-pearance last year, also strug-gled with man-management and upset Salisbury by criti-cising the England leg-spin-



Triple jump . . . Tony McCoy clears the last flight on Courbaril at Cheltenham yesterday to complete a quick three-timer PHOTOGRA

Mandilak win marks the Aga Khan's return

AFTER an absence of six years, the Aga Khan's colours returned to a British winner's circle when Mandilak landed the Ranworth Maiden Stakes at Yarmouth vectories. mouth yesterday.

The winner was one of a batch of 12 two-year-olds hyasi to win the Derby for the Aga Khan sent to Luca the Aga Khan in 1988, said:

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of the Aga's two-year-olds with me are bred to stay and be three-years-olds." At Cheltenham, Tony McCoy hit the 75-winner mark for the season with a quick-fire hat-trick aboard Kailash, Celibate and Conr-

gus Kid' Fletcher, stretched his unbeaten sequence to six with an effortless victory in the Cheltenham Sponsorship Club Novice

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"Kailash cost me 36,000 at Haydock earlier this guiness after he won a month.

Sedgefield (N.H.)

"It's marvellous to see baril. Kailash, who sports bumper at Warwick and these colours win again, the colours of rails book- I've been offered six-figure sums for him since, but he's not for sale," said Fletcher. The Jockey Club yester-day confirmed its disciplinary committee will hold an inquiry into the "jockeys' strike" which halted racing

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Japan Cup option for Singspiel

Chris Hawkins

ICHAEL Stoute an invitation to run Pilsudski in the Japan Cup on November 24, but Singspiel has entered the reckoning. "Pilsudski has finished for

"Pisuaski nas imisueu tor the season," said Stoute yes-terday. "But Singspiel has now been invited and we've got until Monday to make up our minds.
"It doesn't give us much

time and it is a question of how he seems after Woodbine. At the moment it's too early to tell but Japan would the in the Arc, Halling looks be a very long journey for him considering he's been to Canada twice within a few

"He's also been invited for plodders!. the Hong Kong Vase which is ously in his favour."

The carrot dangled by the allowances for both horses and connections.

Pentire, Helissio, Oscar Schindler and Halling, who is tion list

race to take up stallion duties

through. Bill Mott, Cigar's trainer, seems fairly certain that the American super-horse has

Allen Paulson is concerned.

Incidentally, I now see that the "armchair experts" are getting down to work and doing their best to belittle Cigar. Three defeats in his last four runs came as no sur-prise to them, of course, as he had always been over-rated

by the hype merchants.
Times and figures men believe they have a monopoly of wisdom. Lesser mortals who are plagued by sentiment and soul mistakenly attach significance to guts and charisma in a horse.

The way successive chamgood going past trees, Nash-wan was nothing to get ex-cited about and Desert Orchid was the best of a bunch of

the Hong Kong Vase which is Returning to the Japan two weeks later and obviipation obviously depends on The carrot dangled by the Japan Racing Association is prize money of £1.08 million does not have too hard a race plus generous travelling he could well go on to Japan but if he wins, one thing is certain, the Australian handi-

capper will not be spared.
A characteristic of the Austhought unlikely to run by simon Crisford of Godolphin, make up the European invitadon list. trainers believe Oscar Geoff Wragg is still in Schindler has been thrown in charge of Pentire but the colt | at the weights and have alwill remain in Japan after the ready started whinging in earnest; something I thought only the Poms did.

Saeed bin Suroor scored on behalf of Helissio now that the touted match race with Cigar has apparently fallen with his only runner at Yar-mouth yesterday, Happy Val-entine, and extended his lead over Henry Cecil in the train-ers' championship to over 231,000.

American super-horse has been retired but one can further in front today with never be sure where owner Allen Paulson is concerned. Nottingham.

Nottingham card with guide to the form

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D-day for Gascoigne as Hoddle decides

whether Paul Gas-coigne should be in-cluded in the next England squad will be made today following final talks between the coach Glenn Hod-dle and Keith Wiseman, chairman of the Football

Allegations that the player beat up his wife Sheryl have raised doubts about whether Gascoigne should be allowed to represent his country in the World Cup qualifier in Georgia on Saturday week, the squad for which will be announced tomorrow. The indications, however, are that Gascoigne will be included in the squad and, if that is the case, several arguments will have weighed in his favour.

First, it is understood that in talking with Gascoigne and others close to him, Hoddle has been presented with a more complicated picture surrounding the allegations than originally surfaced two weeks ago, some of it so personal it may never be made public.

Second, it will be argued that football should not pun-

ish a player for something that happens in his private life, And third, Gascoigne is reported to have sought pro-fessional help since the alleged incident. However, many people feel that nothing can excuse him and that to choose Gascoigne will send

out the wrong message.
According to Wiseman, the decision on Gascoigne's inclusion will depend on three factors: "Whether he is playing well enough to be chosen, which is entirely a matter for Glenn; whether he is in an approprite state of mind to be selected to play in an interna-

tional at this stage, which is down to Glenn; and whether the totality of the surroundappropriate for him to play for England, which is a mat-

Wiseman refused to reveal his opinion on the last point. He said: "I will only have a view on that when Glenn and prior to the announcement on Friday morning. But I can't imagine that it would be a matter of disagreement be-

The feeling is that the FA will trust Hoddle's judgment and, in trying to form an opinion, the coach has had lengthy talks not only with Wiseman but also with Gascoigne, his Rangers manager Walter Smith and other people close to the player in an attempt to assess his form, fitness and state of mind.
Hoddle will have been told

for Rangers is modest, despite scoring four goals in three domestic games since the allega-tions broke. For example, his hat-trick in the last game against Motherwell included a mis-credited own-goel and another goal scored from a miskick. His performance in England's last international

against Poland was not up to his usual standard.

However, Roddle will be reluctant to go into the crucial and difficult game against Georgia without Gascoigne's international experi-

Full house just the ticket for Evans

cheaper European package deals are paying off at Anfield

NFIELD will be bursting at the seams this eve-ning for the return leg of Liverpool's Cup Winners' Cup tie against the Swiss from FC Sion, as much a continuing testimony to a new ticketing initiative as a long and passionate love affair with European club football.

Putting people ahead of profit in an area of high unemployment. Liverpool have in-troduced a package of tempting ticket prices for their European home games, the most attractive an adult-child combination for £18 with the youngster's share £6. Other seats at £7.50 have also been set aside for children.
"It gives the kids a chance

to see their heroes, and that is important," said the manager Roy Evans. "Not many of them can get to see Premier-ship matches. The bonus from a purely footballing perspec-tive is that there will be a genuinely intimidating atmo-

"While no manager can ever guarantee his team will perform to its potential at any given moment, a full house certainly helps, because it's rather difficult to be complacent when there are 40,000 people shouting themselves

Those who stood at the foot

Evans's men overran their Swiss rivals will regard as inevitable Liverpool's progress tonight. Already with a 2-1 advantage, Liverpool should canter into the quarter-finals remains more concerned with pitfalls than plaudits.

"I certainly do not regard this tie as being already won," he said. "Although I felt we handled them well, we didn't do enough to put it be-yond their reach."

Much to the disappointment of three impatient England internationals, the Liverpool team will almost pick itself tonight. With no fresh injury problems, Neil Ruddick, Mark Wright and Jamie Redknapp will watch from the sidelines, although Redknapp may yet benefit should the manager be bold enough to shuffle his pack.

"Obviously, some of those currently in the first team will not play in every game this season but I have to balance things out," said Evans. "I could make changes but, like most managers, I do probably tend to believe in safety first." Evans even conceded that this embarrassment of riches prompted him to forgo his in-terest in the England international Nick Barmby, who moved yesterday from Middlesbrough to Everton. "There is no point in just stockpiling players. We do

like to sign good players — and Barmby is one — but

there has to be a limit; you

have to be realistic."

ence, especially when England are already missing Alan Shearer through injury.

Nick Barmby, who may well be in Hoddle's squad. yesterday completed his £5.75 million club-record move to Everton and said: "An average crowd of 37,000 says it all. I'm delighted to be here."

Ajax had not exactly overrun their hosts on a wet, slippery lan Ross finds why of the Alps a fortnight ago libror starface. notable of an array of virtues Rangers employed a back loss of control the Dutch bring to their game five, too, with Shields on the Veldman ha

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OWARD KENDALL

has always had a soft spot for Carrow Road. He clinched the First Division

championship there with

Everton and, on another occa-

sion, saw his Manchester City

side defy relegation. Last night the Sheffield United

manager looked on his way to

a significant victory before

Norwich rescued themselves

Neil Adams provided it in the 71st minute with an im-

maculate free-kick, his eighth

goal of the season, which looped over Alan Kelly. The draw keeps Norwich in

flew to Italy yesterday to com-plete a £4.5 million move to

with a late equaliser.

has always had a soft

the pre-match expectation that they would rush the Scots into submission.

33 the oldest player in a team of prodi-gies, struck a blow Indeed they played the en-tire first half with almost clinical cool, retaining possestifully-controlled 25-yard drive that gave Ajax a victory at Ibrox that was less comprehensive than expected. Still, it was enough to leave Rangers sion, probing for delicate parts in the Rangers set-up and, generally speaking, rely-ing for their menace on the home penalty area. The tempo suited a Rangers pointless and out of the European Cup with two group matches still to play. Nobody could claim that Scholten's goal in the 38th

First Division: Norwich City 1, Sheffield United 1

RNOLD Scholten, at

Champions League, Group A: Rangers 0, Ajax 1

team who had to go through their own familiarisation rou-tine, with the youngsters Shields and Wilson drafted minute was a surprise, even if into the back five and Durrant — only an occasional presence these days —

Adams rescues Norwich

ing in strength.

it turned out.

Holdsworth.

Stan the man for Villa fans

SUPPORTERS of Aston showed that 40 per cent wanted him ahead of Celtic's striker Stan Collymore to replace Savo Milosevic, who cent). Teddy Sheringham,

A poll conducted by the Bir-mingham Evening Mail Charlton for £250,000.

promotion claims are grow-

Howard Kendall's team.

having scored four in their

last away game and cele-brated victory in three of

their last four travelling ap-

pearances, had clearly not

come solely for a containing

play indicated the night

would contain something pos-itive for them and that's how

Gareth Taylor's recent run

of goals, two in successive weeks despite starting both

fixtures on the substitutes

bench, earned him a starting

role this time, and a glancing

beader, put narrowly wide.

Pierre van Hooydonk (37 per cent), Teddy Sheringham,

Emile Heskey and Dean

The Birmingham full-back Gary Poole has moved to

PONTORS LEAGUE: Prender Division: Blackbarn 2, Tranmers 3 Second Division: Barnsley 3, Carlisle 2, Third Division: Barnsley 3, Carlisle 2, Third Division: West, Longoin 2.

AVON INSURANCE COMENNATION: Park Division: West Ham 3, Cardiff 0; Wimbledon 3, Swansen 4, League Copt. Southampion 4, Brighton 3, SUN LIFE GOLD CUP: Send-Guet Giengran 2, Capacier. 0

evon 2, Crusaders 0. PRIENDLY: Oxford C 0, Derby 6

and they were, characteristically, in no hurry to justify left making no pretensions to being "wing-backs". Their assignment was simply to stay close to Bahangida and Over-mars, the free spirits on the

Scholten ends Rangers interest

Odds against . . . the Rangers defence comes under pressure from the combined assault of Kluivert and Babangida at Ibrox last night

Ajax flanks.
The result was an impression that Rangers were the visitors, with Ajax playing most of the time in their oppo-nents' territory. Even before Scholten scored Kluivert had squandered a couple of feasible opportunities.

He looked rusty when Frank de Boer's extraordi-nary pass flew 60 yards and dropped at the feet of the young striker, racing into the area. Kluivert's first touch sent the ball straight to

hungry to add to his tally.

Norwich were contributing

fully to an open, fast-paced

contest But it was United who

made the next worthwhile attack count.

In the 24th minute Roger

Nilsen drove over a cross from the right and there was

Petr Katchouro to power in a header off the woodwork.

Kelly was enjoying himself,

particularly at the expense of his Republic of Ireland col-

league O'Neill, whose sense of

a scoring position was Nor-wich's main source of danger.

The goalkeeper was there when O'Neill touched on Dar-

ren Eadie's free kick and

again shortly after, when O'Neill cut through the defen-

Increasingly United were forced to retreat but they of-

fered Kelly good cover, and a wealth of Norwich possession

on both flanks was convinc-

Morwich Citys Gunn; Sutch, Nawman, Poiston, Mills, Johnson, Milligan, Eadle, Adams, Scott, O'Nell, Sheffield Balkeds Kelly; Short, Holdsworth, Vonk, Nilsen, Ward, Patterson, Whitehouse, Hutchtson, Taylor, Katcheres

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A Leake (Darwen)

ingly swallowed up.

second place but United's own | showed the Welshman was

faultless, however, when he gave Alax the lead. Frank de Boer had joined the frolics around the Rangers penalty scramble straight to Albertz. With the ball perfectly teed up for his favoured left foot and a vacant goal only eight yards away, the German blasted the shot feet too high. area and picked the ball up on the left before sliding it towards the big midfielder. It was shocking finishing.

who met it 25 yards out and, with the sweetest of connec-tions, drove it low and hard It was difficult to determine

more embarrassing mess of his opportunity when he played the ball in to Scholten

from the right and the latter back-healed it back into his

path. From only 15 yards Veldman "shanked" his left-foot shot almost out to the

Scholten's control was

rub it in for much of the second half derived from sym-

pathy for their opponents or their own lethargy. But their

failure to impose themselves as authoritatively as they had before the break should have

with almost an hour played.

Melchiot looked almost un-

caring as he allowed Laudrup

to break away on the right. The Dane delivered his cross

into a busy penalty area, where the ball broke from a

Wolverhampton W 0, Huddersfield Town 0 Toothless Wolves see no end to

cost Wolves dearly last night. For all their efforts, particularly in the second half, they failed to pierce a

In 11 games stretching back to Easter, they have managed just six goals, a famine which appears the main obstacle to promotion

McGhee opted to play Steve Bull as a lone striker, leaving Don Goodman on the substitutes' bench, although he has now fully recovered

Huddersfield were presented with an excellent chance in the 10th minute when a clearance by Robin van der Laan ricocheted off Tom Cowan into Ian Law-

that goal famine at Molineux

Hamburg, went close for Wolves from the edge of the

HE inability to find the net at Molineux again resolute Huddersfield

to the Premiership. Their manager Mark

from the fractured skull which kept him out for six

son's path, but he pulled his left-footed shot well wide from 12 yards.

area on 15 minutes, and shortly afterwards the German hit a low shot through a crowd of players, only to find the Huddersfield goal-

keeper Steve Francis per-fectly positioned to gather. Twice in the space of a minute Wolves' Northern Ireland international Rob-bie Dennison caused panic to break out in the Hud-dersfield defence. First, his cross was met by a Bull header which flew wide, and then his corner was again met by Bull, who nar-rowly failed to force the ball home from close range.
Wolves made a double
substitution at half-time,
sending on Goodman and Simon Osborn for Dowe

scored, but scooped the ball over from 10 yards. Wolverhampton Wanderers: Stowell; Smith, Pearce, Atlans (Osborn, h-t), Venus, Richards, Van der Lasn, Emblen, Buli, Dowe (Goodman, h-t), Dennison, Moddersfield Towes Francis; Colline,

and Mark Atkins, Within

two minutes of the resump

tion Bull should have

Forest in bid to end year from hell

Martin Thorpe on four routes to salvation for the troubled club

HIS week the nation's trees were battered by a mini-hurricane. But in ready grappling with the problem of falling giants. Twelve months ago Forest

league rim that would sireting to 25 matches while victory over Auxerre left them England's last remaining representatives in the Uefa Cup, where they would go all the way to the quarter-finals.

way to the quarter-finals.

Now Frank Clark's team lie third bottom of the Premiership without a win since the opening day of the season, while at the City Ground the full house signs have been replaced by For Sale notices as the club struggles with debts approaching £10 million. At today's annual meeting the club's shareholders will the club's shareholders will

attempt to sort the wood from the trees in the four takeover bids and reconvene in the next few weeks to make a Each bid promises to lift Forest back to the top. First

help avoid a repeat of the relegation they suffered three years ago under Brian Clough. In the longer term each envisages a prosperous, healthy club, floated on the

Stock Exchange.
The chairman Fred Reacher and his board finally came to the conclusion a couple of months ago that for Forest to compete in the rich new world of the Premiership the club needed to find a huge cash injection. So they in-vited offers to help or take

over the club. Though successful on pitch for the past two seasons Forest's finances have been drained by building a 25 mil-lion stand at the Trent End and the ungrading of players' contracts after promotion from

the First Division in 1994. But the potential for investment-led growth has been recognised by the receipt of four takeover bids. One comes from a consortium headed by Grant Bovey, a video tycoon and Rorest fan: another from a consortium which includes irving Scholar, the millionaire former Tottenham chair-man, his fellow Monaco tax exile Lawrie Lewis and Philip Soar, a lifelong Forest fan; another from a consortium of local businessmen; and finally one from an Indone-

sian billionaire. All will include in their prospectuses various promises to tempt shareholders into sell-ing to them, including money for players, money to clear the debt, a £20 million flotation, a new main stand and a substantial cash offer to buy the 209 shares which, uniquely, are held, one each, by shareholders, who include

the seven-man board. Bovey is promising £24,000 for each share plus a free season ticket for five years; Scholar £12,000 each and new

shares in the club. But doubts have already been raised. Bovey's real fin-anical worth has been questioned, though he points out there are other wealthy people in his consortium. And Scholar nearly led Spurs to bankruptcy. However, Lewis, one of Britain's richest men, appears to be the business brain of the consortium with Scholar, says a statement, to "act as a consultant on footballing matters". And, it

added, he will continue to live in Monaco.

The Football Association yesterday denied reports that it would want to investigate Scholar's transfer dealings at Spurs before it would let him become involved with another club. So Forest's salvation lies in the cheque-book of one of these four groups.

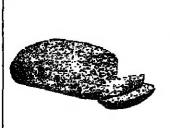
Robinson is offered Hull for £1

been turned down by the chairman Martin Fish. Robinson, however, has been offered the chance to take over the football side

players. The Birmingham full-

ON ROBINSON'S £1.5 back Martin Grainger, who million bid to regain suffered knee ligament control of Hull City has damage in a pre-season ensuffered knee ligament damage in a pre-season encounter against Everton at St Andrews, has pencilled in November 27 for his comeback against Manchester United reserves. Notts County have paid £300,000 for the Birming-

of the business for just £1 if, in return, he pays off the club's debts of £500,000 and ham winger Steve Finnan, who was on loan with the East Midlands club last invests £1 million in new



"Just when you thought the Berlin wall had come down, a group of German builders wants to rebuild it, but this time as part of a theme park."

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Golf

Ballesteros stands by his 17th

Michael Britten In Honk Kong

HE controversy over Valderrama's 17th hole spilled into another Continent yesterday, when its de-signer Seve Ballesteros and its chief critic Colln Montgomerie arrived in Hong Kong for the third Alfred Dunhill

The Spaniard, still seething over events at last week's volvo Masters, where he finished the European season in his lowest ever ranking of 69th, dismissed the Scot's criticism as being of no account. He also insisted he would not make any changes to the parfive hole before the Ryder Cup match against the United

States next September. "Monty's opinion just does not count,"he said. "If it was somebody else, maybe I would listen, but not to him. I don't | Michael Campbell.

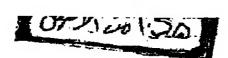
like people who criticise things because they are not in a good mood and did not play

the hole well." The European No 1 had damned the 17th as "the worst hole we play all year" and added: "Seve may be the best player ever but he is no course designer

Yesterday Ballesteros took him to task. 'It will produce a lot of birdies and eagles in derrama." But Montgomerie remains equally adamant. "It has to be altered before the

Ryder Cup match," he said. However, neither has cause to complain about the exotic Fanling course on which they will duel here, along with the South African Ernie Els and German Bernhard Langer, for the £50,000 title, which is defended by the New Zealander





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Tour match: Scotland A 20, Australians 47

Little worry for Wallabies

Gordon Lyle

USTRALIA may be rebuilding after a miserable Tri-Nations series but there were ominous signs at Galashiels yesterday that they will again be formidable opponents as they began their tour of the British Isles.

Disrupted by early injuries to Jason Little and Michael Brial, they took an hour to settle and shake off a persistent Scotland A side, among whom the loose-head prop Tom Smith and open-side flanker Murray Wallace could tomorrow be given their first caps against the tourists on Saturday week at Murrayfield. But these Australians, once into their stride, demon-strated that they have not lost an eye for the try-line, even though they do not quite possess the aura of some of their recent predecessors.

will tell how large a part Little will play on tour. He has damaged knee ligaments and, although an initial prognosis suggested be could be playing again within 10 days, the coach Greg Smith put it nearer three weeks. "If we need to get another player we will ask for one," he said.
It is a measure of the Walla-

bies' strength in depth, how ever, that one option would be to move the wing Tim Horan to centre, where he spent most of his 46-cap Test career. The Australians will be reluctant to take that step in view of Horan's success in his new role, which was underlined yesterday with two of their

five tries. Not that that was enough to satisfy the coach. "I can't keep making ex-cuses for people," Smith said. "They are earning a lot of money and should be able to catch and pass the ball without dropping it. I've told them that many times. I always tell the transport of the transport the truth.

The Scots were eight points ahead after only 11 minutes with a drop goal from Duncan Hodge and a try by Smith. Matt Burke kept the tourists in touch with two penalties but 36 minutes had passed before they put their noses in front through a try by Horan. Hodge and Burke proceeded to trade penalties until Burke decided to break the pattern on 56 minutes when, following Horan's crossfield run, he strolled in at the cor-

ner and added the conversion Stung into action, Scotland A then enjoyed their best spell culminating in a penalty by Hodge, but Australia roused themselves inside the final quarter when Horan, Sam Payne and Andrew Connors scored tries, all converted by Burke.

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fan Malin on the favourite as England captain

Dallaglio the leading man

NGLAND's coach Jack ended last March with him victorious in 44 of his 59 internationals in charge.

Other candidates for the captain's job are Phil de Gianenham next Tuesday, a day before the side to play Italy on November 23 is announced at a squad session at Bisham

Abbey.

The front-runner for the man to succeed England's most successful captain Will of Wasps, who won his first cap only a year ago as a

replacement in the side that were beaten by South Africa. The 24-year-old Dallaglio, who took over as Wasps cap-12 months ago Dean Ryan decamped to Newcastle with Rob Andrew, takes his club side to Milan for a European Cup tie this weekend. Lawrence Bruno Nero Dallaglio would be an appropriate choice to lead England against the land of

his father. Rowell and his fellow selectors made their choice of captain a month ago but deliberately kept his name a secret from the player and even the Rugby Football Union com-mittee because of the prolonged dispute between Twickenham and the clubs,

Rowell hoped to avoid putting Carling's successor in an invidious position of being asked to comment on the feud. But now he has no option but to give the newcon at least a couple of weeks to

ville, the Bath centre and skipper, Jason Leonard, who is leading Harlequins in a highly successful season, and Northampton's flanker Tim Rodber. But of that trio only named in the team next week and prop forward is a far from ideal position from which to lead a side.

Bath, meanwhile, seem close to securing the signature of their first major over seas signing. Federico Mendez, the Argentina hooker currently playing with Natal. molition of Bristol on Tues-

day night. League Two Richmond yes-terday confirmed they are negotiating with Mendez's Natal team-mates, the South African internationals Cabous van der Westhuizen and Steve

Atherton.

Richmond's coaching direc-tor John Kingston said last night: "We enjoyed the bene-fit of talks with them. We already have a very good side but they are both quality players and we could be inter-ested. Maybe sooner rather than later. Van der Westhuizen, a

wing, and the lock Atherton flew to England after helping Natal to their Currie Cup final victory over Transvaal last weekend. Bath have also By coincidence it was Guy hatal to their Currie Cup Fawkes Day, 1988, when Carling began his record-breaking began his record-breaking run of leadership which Atherton.

RAN COTTON, the former England prop who will manage the Lions in South Africa next summer, yester-day called for the leading clubs to be kicked out of the Rugby Football Union. The RFU and English Pro-

fessional Rugby Union Clubs. the body which represents the top two divisions of the Courage league, made representa-tions to the clubs in Northampton yesterday as the bodies seek to end their long-running dispute over the fi-nancing of the newly profes-

Cotton, who has been critical of Epruc this season, is angry that the organisation, having said it will release its contracted players for inter-nationals this autumn, wants to prevent those players ap-

Barbarians and Argentina are all touring England, at great expense to the RFU which has said it is considering playing League Three and Four players against them in

against an international side like the New Zealand Barbarians and they tell their clubs not to make their grounds available. 'I also read comments from Sir John Hall [Newcastle's

Cotton, the former chair-man of the North's playing

committee, said: "I can't see why the men who are direct

ing Epruc keep their clubs in the RFU. They want to stop

their players from playing

owner] saying that, when he has obtained the support of the European Courts, he will contact all his friends and arrange Epruc's departure from "So what are we waiting for

here? According to their spokesmen, these clubs have no wish to be part of the RFU and appear to me to be in breach of RFU bylaws. I can't see why they should not be expelled so that the rest of the game can get on with running its affairs in a sensible and

affordable way.
'I feel that the RFU should



a team in mourning . . . the Dark Blues find it difficult to compose themselves before yesterday's Stanley's XV match as they remember their team-mate Ian Tucker A muted win to follow

Oxford's terrible loss

Robert Armstrong on the sombre shadow over Iffley Road

would be contentious to make direct connections between the death year-old Oxford University centre, and the notable absense of passion in yesterday's annual match against Major B. V Stanley's XV at

The fixture lived up to its stomary reputation as a young Australian who dent they were making a

Blues contributing most of the good parts and eventually winning 33-24, but the tragic incident that claimed Tucker's life as a result of head injuries sustained on Saturday cast a sombre shadow over everything

Trevor Walsh, another

Sky which goes straight to the

"The game has never before

trans-global matches as part

Chris Calsley, the Bradford Bulls and RLE chairman.

said: "The World Club Cham-

pionship will be one of the most exciting concepts put

forward in this country.

Super League can look for-ward to an outstanding year."

. Wigan have reported a

profit of almost £129,000 but admit that they still have fi-

nancial problems. The latest figures cover the period to May 31, 1995, during which

Wigan won the Grand Slam and the World Club

Challenge.
But, with attendances fall-

ing during the Centenary sea-

League season, the chairman Jack Robinson — who yester-day announced that the club

of the domestic season.

curate's egg, with the Dark | filled Tucker's midfield place, was forced to come off on the hour after a heavy collision but thankfully his injury was nothing more serious than a damaged shoulder. Though the Oxford players had been offered psychological counselling in the 48 hours before the game, it was evi-

conscious effort to keep their minds firmly focused on rugby rather than the grievous loss of a friend.

death, mentally or otherwise. I know we didn't play the way we normally do today."

Death on the field of play is mercifully rare even in the unprotected world of rugby, which shuns the eadgear and shoulder-padding that are standard in American Football. Yesterday the thunderous big hits, now commonplace in Courage League One, were virtually non-existent, perhaps because the majority of players in action on this occasion were smaller and lighter than the top stormtroopers of the new profes-

As a member of the Oxford team admitted: "It's hard to say exactly how our players might have been af-

sional game.

Tennis

the way we normally do

The international referee

today."

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Ed Morrison, who wore a black arm-band on his yellow shirt, was quick to beckon the physiotherapist on to the pitch each time a player stayed down or required medical attention. However, the subdued at mosphere and the smallish crowd of around 1,000 combined with the practice-ses-sion quality of the forward exchanges to dampen the more aggressive instincts of the competitors. Not a single punch or act of foul play was seen throughout

the 80 minutes. Ironically it proved difficult at one stage to recruit enough players for the

heavily on the goodwill of senior clubs in allowing their release. As

Stanley's organiser Simon Halliday admitted: "Most of my usual overtures were blocked by aggressive rugby directors, penny-pinching agents and hardening attitudes." The fixture is in real jeopardy. Yesterday Stanley's XV may not have been of the highest quality, as their defeat suggests, but they were

feat suggests, but they were skippered by Australia's former World Cup captain Nick Farr-Jones, who flew in from Paris to play. Farr-Jones will attend this morning's service at Keble College in memory of Tucker, a fellow Sydneysider who also played for that city's university team.

Rugby League

Lindsay claims Tollett asked Becker Super strength farcical twist goes

Paul Fitzpatrick

HE 12 Super League clubs are increasingly taking control of their own affairs while continuing to stress that they are not breaking away from the

game's main body. Rugby League (Europe), es-tablished six weeks ago to run and promote Super League, should soon have its own genetal manager, marketing and media staff and its own premises - helped by finance

This news will be greeted with disbelief by the five members of staff, including Paul Harrison, the media manager, and his assistant Melanic Lewis, who were made redundant by the Rugby League last week.

But, in spite of evidence to

the contrary, the game's chief executive Maurice Lindsay insists that central funds have never been in better

Next week we are expect-ing £1 million of our £3.5 milcontract with the BBC and we have £25 million to come from Silk Cut's sponsorship of the Challenge Cup. Jack Robinson — who yester-This is on top of other day announced that the club sponsorship from CIS, Asics will be called Wigan Warriors and Isostar and is all in addition to the £87 million from a "significant" loss since.

Andy Wilson in Christchurch

had income on this scale and 1997 will bring us even more. We have already begun plan-TULSEN TOLLETT will give the Lions' tour a further farcical twist when the ning our international calen-London Broncos' half-back, dar for next year and there are some great initiatives." one of the 11 players ordered home last week to cut costs. Details of the second Super retraces his steps as emergency cover for tomorrow's League season are expected to third and final Test against be announced next week but it is understood that all 12 New Zealand. clubs will be involved in

Fortunately for the overstretched balance sheet Tollett had travelled only as far as Sydney, where he has been vis-tring his parents and girl-friend, but he will still have only 24 hours to prepare for a possible Great Britain debut. Even now Tollett is un-likely to start the match. Bobbie Goulding could yet play with the help of a painkilling injection for his ankle injury, which again prevented him training yesterday. If he is ruled out, however, lestyn

Harris will switch to scrumhalf and Karle Hammond move to stand-off. Phil Larder, the Lions coach, said: "We were hoping that we would not need to send for Tulsen but in our current injury situation we have no choice. At the moment there is no way I could

name a team for Friday." Larder's worries were compounded yesterday when the tour captain Andy Farrell and the winger Anthony Sullivan pulled up in training with reactions to injuries from last Friday's Test defeat which gave the Kiwis a winning 2-0 lead in the series.

Farrell, who has a side strain and a leg-muscle in-

jury, still hopes to lead the Lions for the fifth time but Sullivan is a likely nonstarter with a hamstring problem. Stuart Spruce also missed training but expects to play — in a headguard to protect his ripped ear and despite having had an ingrowing toe-

having had an ingrowing toenail removed.

"Our backs are right up
against the wall," admitted
the manager Phil Lowe, "The
lads are tired, we have a stack
of injuries, a few things have
gone wrong off the field and
we have lost two Tests we
could easily have won. It's a
real trenches job."

New Zealand will be without the injured Cronulla

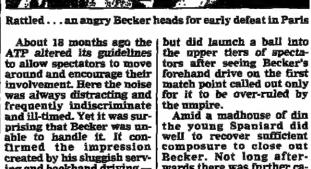
out the injured Cronulla winger Richard Barnett but are scarcely weakened as he is replaced by Marc Ellis, the former All Black, now with Auckland Warriors.

Richard Jago in Paris

Boris BECKER, who along with the world No. 1 Pete Sampras yesterday joined the list of top names bustled out of the Paris Open, launched into an impassioned criti-cism of screaming spectators after losing 6-3, 5-7 6-4 to Spain's Carlos Moya. Less than 72 hours after defeating Sampras to win the Stuttgart Open Becker was beaten by the world No. 24 and spectacularly losing his temper, too. Two hours later Sampras joined him on the casualty list, which includes Goran Ivani-

sevic and Thomas Muster when he was blasted out by the 1992 Olympic champion Marc Rosset Becker said of his match:

'I felt we were two gorillas with the other animals all around us. There was constant screaming and mov-ing around. You can't hit a small ball with a small margin of error with this going on. I am shocked and disappointed and don't know if I'll be back."



rackets, three times he

for it to be over-ruled by the umpire.

Amid a madhouse of din he young Spaniard did well to recover sufficient composure to close out Becker. Not long after-wards there was further caing and backhand driving cophony as Becker was joined by the world No. 3 Muster, who retired with an injured hip against the such a force in Stuttgart that he was tired. Six times he changed

bashed them on chairs and regularly he complained to the umpire. Two double faults cost him the first set and, even after he lifted himself to win the second. Becker was too fretful to turn the third around.

Moya was mostly patient through the distractions and it tees the less stamble to dunking on you all the time. When he gets his serve going, you just pray for rain."

Swede Stefan Edberg, and by Sampras. Rosset served 20 aces in his 6-4, 6-4 victory and Sampras said: "He's 6ft 7in and it feels like he's slam-

one-day internationals in wealth title defeat by Daniel Sport in brief

The Royal Yachting Associa

Sailing

tion, stung into action by the disgrace of finishing last in the 1995 Admiral's Cup, has included three Atlanta silver medallists — John Merricks, Ian Walker and Ben Ainslie — in Britain's team for next year, writes Bob Fisher. The non-sailing captain Richard Matthews and the former captain Graham

Walker have put together a team of boats designed by the New Zealander Bruce Farr. bought by Tony Buckingham. Tim Barrett's Mumm 36, Bradamante, completes the team.

Cricket

beaten 72 steered Pakistan to to super-flyweight to meet babwe in the first of three pools, who moves up a division squad to tour Argentina, for meet babwe in the first of three fought since his Common takes his place.

Quetta after Wasim Akram became the first bowler to take 300 wickets in one-day internationals when he trapped David Houghton leg-before with the fourth ball of the match. Zimbabwe owed their 237 for nine largely to Grant Flower (91) and his elder brother Andy (82).

Bob Cottam is set to return to Warwickshire as part-time bowling coach six years after resigning as manager. **Motor Racing** Tyrrell have signed the Japa-

nese driver Toranosuke Takagi as their test driver for the 1997 Formula One season. Boxing

Francis Ampofo, the former British and Commonwealth flyweight champion, makes the second comeback of his career at York Hall, Bethnal Green, on November 27. Ampolo, who moves up a division

Ward of South Africa 18 months ago. Before then Ampofo was or

forehand drive on the first

match point called out only

dered by the British Board of Control to rest for a year after a medical check. After return-ing for a WBO title clash with Baby Jake Matlala in June, 1994, which he lost in nine rounds. Ampofo had three more championship fights before the board told him to rest

Soccer

Guy Scherrer, chairman of the French first division club Nantes, has resigned "for personal reasons". Some mem-bers of the board recently ccused him of never consulting them on important issues.

Rugby Union

The Northern Transvaal cen-tre Danie van Schalkwyk has a groin injury and has withdrawn from South Africa's squad to tour Argentina, France and Wales next

Cotton calls for expulsion of leading clubs from RFU

sionalised game.

pearing for divisional sides. Queensland, New Zealand

make it clear that these games are England trials, as was agreed earlier in the year, and that, if clubs predivisional games.
Cotton says that denying players divisional opportunities could jeopardise their chances of England call-ups.

Vent their players from supporting the divisions, they are effectively preventing them from wearing an England jersey at any level." porting the divisions, they are effectively preventing



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bortsGuardian

DEFEAT AT OLD TRAFFORD

Champions League, Group C: Manchester United 0, Fenerbahce 1

United Europe in disarray

home record in Europe finally fell to a Bos-nian at Old Trafford last night. Elvir Bolic's late goal won a famous Champions League victory for Fener-bance to throw United's hopes of making the quarter-finals into utter confusion.

Having started slowly and then missed several chances, United were undone in the 77th minute when Bolic produced a dipping shot from the edge of the penalty area which cleared Peter Schmeichel and then dipped in under the bar after taking a deflection of Perid Mey

tion off David May. Heavy defeats, 5-0 and 6-3, by Newcastle and Southampton could hardly be described as little local difficulties but at least last night found Man-chester United returning to the principal theme of their season. Alex Ferguson has made no secret of his desire to add the Champions Cup to his

manifold successes.
On the evidence of their confident, composed 2-0 defeat of Fenerbahce in Istanbul a formight earlier United had little to fear last night except, to coin a phrase, fear itself. But without Pallister in defence and still missing Giggs in attack they needed to tread

with care.
With Cantona flanked by Poborsky and Cruyff, the Fenerbahce defence was always likely to become sufficiently stretched to leave inviting gaps for the runs from mid-field of Beckham, Keane and

Yet a similar formation had laboured against Juventus in promising start Cantona's un-suitability for the central role, though less evident in Is The Turkish champions | night.



. the United winger Poborsky evades the Fenerbahce midfielder Tuncay at Old Trafford last night

gained in confidence. Okocha, Fenerbahce's wily, skilful NIgerian, had dominated the early part of the game in Turof their initial attacks last

Erol's cross from the left, Kemalettin's volley skimming the crossbar to remind Uni of their new mortality. They were forcing corners [

But the first serious scoring | at regular intervals, however, attempt at either end followed | and from one of these should and from one of these should have taken the lead midway through the first half but Canshot wide of the far post. Now Manchester United

were looking slightly dishev-elled and less sure of themselves. At least the defence looked sound, but the passing ture of the predictable and the plain inaccurate.

Increasingly Cantona was drifting deep, which is more his natural game, but this meant that when United did catch Fenerbahce on the break support for the man in possession was often lacking up front. There was a glimpse of something better two min-utes from half-time. Now Beckham decided to take on the defenders near the 18-yard line and caused sufficient confusion to set up a halfchance for Cantona which the Frenchman hooked just wide.

There was a greater ur-gency about Manchester United in the second half. Cruyff had been moved into the middle, allowing Cantona to drift into some old familiar spaces, but their passing still

harassed and

parent yelling

stop that right

Francis Wheen

at an errant

child: "You

now or l'll

belt you."

frustrated

goal. In the 52nd minute it arly saw one at either end First Tuncay, found in space on the left by Kemalettin's crossfield ball, drove the ball over the bar. Then Rustu's diving body thwarted Butt, who had been sent in by the hall Poborsky had threaded through Fenerbahce's cover.

Two minutes later Cruyff, racing through on the left, gathered a return pass from Cantona before driving the ball past the far post. At last Old Trafford began to sense a goal.

Manchester United Schmeichel: G Neville (P Neville, 82), May. Johnsen, Irwin. Backhan, Keane, But, Poborsky (Solskjaer, 87min), Cantona. Cruyfi (Scholes, 87).

Claret and blue-sport's true colours



Frank Keating

OHN ARLOTT's beloved and battered briefcase was auctioned in London on Tuesday eve handled 1950s job, monogrammed with a faded J A. was as much a part of John as his voice was to the nation in summer. It fetched £220.

It was almost an extension of his right arm: in the mornings heavy, in the gloaming light. It was cavernous enough to hold, at a pinch, four bottles of wine - but three comfortably ensured the Ryvita with the generous hunk of heese (treat of treats, Dorset Blue), an onion, a penknife, the vine-root corkscrew and

the current Playfair Annual. As the scuffed and evocative relic went under the hammer at the end of a sumptuous dinner in aid of the Arlott Memorial Trust, graced by Princess Anne and hosted by the late and still mourned renais-sance's man's favourite Rioja wines from Spain, it inspired a secret toast to that wholesome triumvirate of the Gs-

good games, good grub and the goodness of the grape.

And, by golly, we needed it in a week which began with those two footballers Ian Wright and Matthew Le Tissier going public about their

pre-match diet. Said Wright, appalled at being told by Highbury's new French manager to cut out his routine Mars bars: "He's put me on grilled fish, grill everything, even grilled broc-

coli, vuk." On the very same Sunday low into the goalmouth where Le Tissier was admitting that Kostadinov slid in to waft it his club's new nutritious pre-Le Tissier was admitting that game regime put him in a quandary because he could abide neither truit nor vegeta bles, so he would occasionally sneak into McDonald's and, "to be honest, given the

choice. I'd be straight round the corner to the chip shop for a couple of battered sausages As a man of Hants and particularly one who loved and lived in the Channel Islands, Ariott would have relished Le Tissier's football if not his

On the other hand, at Tuesday's glittering banquet for his trust — which, so dear to his good old heart, aims to regen-erate village communities

with affordable housing and sports fields — the simple wine-cheese and onion gour-mand Arlott might have found the menu too gluttonously rich — glazed seafood ravioli for starters, followed by médail-lons of venison — although he would have approved of the accompanying honest bottles from Spain, respectively a '95 Muga Blanco and an '89 Marti-

nez Bujanda Reserva. On these very pages Arlott, doubling as correspondent of both wine and cricket, "discovered" Spanish wines and his columns championed ber 1991. One might say he did for Rioja (as well as Ian Botham) what his friend and predecessor Neville Cardus had done for Mahler (and

J A would not turn down a fizz during the opening overs nor a hair-of-dog schooner of Spanish fino. Whatever, the briefcase would pop open and the curly corkscrew be withdrawn around noon for the pre-prandials. Then the game out there effectively could be said to have begun.

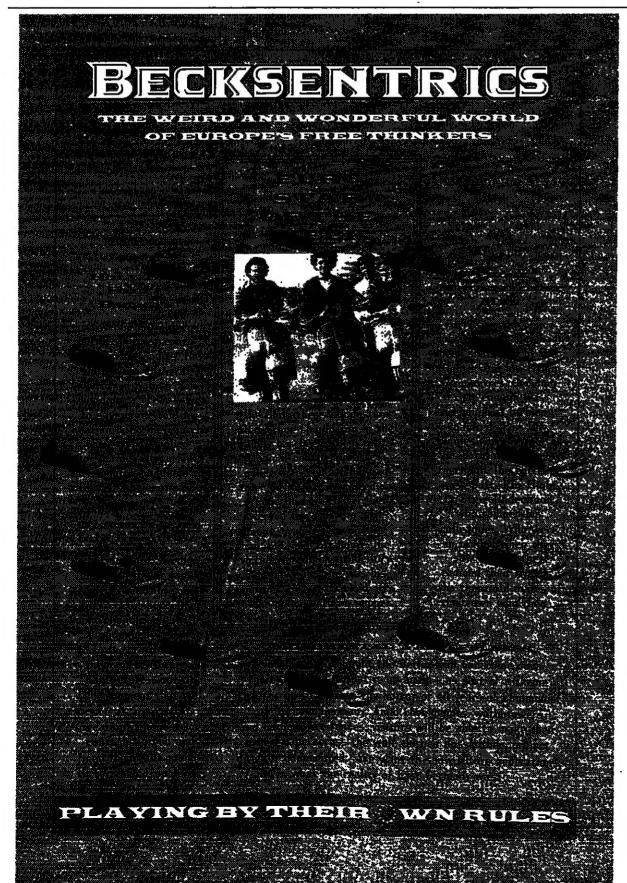
had Arlott taking a reflective slug ers' dietary revelations, not so much their preferred food but the fact that it had to be washed down before kick-off with "a couple of pints of Lucozade Sport". This concection is all the rage, whether through addiction or made compulsory by sponsorship. The other day there was even a young jour-nalist in the pressbox sucking at a tube of it.

Part of rugby's disastrous revolution has been to succumb to the white-coated nutrition boffins. It seems an age away now that one saw England's hooker Brian Moore tuck into his pre-match staple a stout and few Alp-high platefuls of mashed potatoes on to which he would pour rivulets of onion-gravy. A fellow pack-leader, the grand Irish Lion Moss Keane, was a "stout and double omelette" man. (In New Zealand once the waiter inquired: "What sort of Guinness and omelette. sir?" "A black one and an egg one, of course," came the

reply.
The Welsh lock from Aberavon Max Wiltshire would not even put on his beloved red shirt unless he had had a mas-sive lunchtime curry. In that same team mighty Brian Thomas of Neath would eat nothing, from Friday night to kick-off, but bunch after

bunch of grapes.

Arlott would have approved of Thomas. Though he would have suggested fermenting



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10 Red Admiral flutters around on the football field (4,6)

11 Disciplined for making wrong sound (6) 12 They don't work for money

13 It simply outlines the position (6-3) 15 Slough farm building

perhaps (4) 16 Bearing of an ex-president?

(3-6)

17 Digs for a convalescent?

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7 Showed how even CID can be manipulated (7)

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